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THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE

by Mitzi Grasso

Yogi Berra, the great New York Yankee catcher, is frequently quoted. One of his most famous observations is: "The future ain't what it used to be." And, that sure is true here at the League, where the future is one heck of a lot brighter than it's been in a long time. As I begin my second year as President of the LAPPL, I look back and note that:

One year ago, flexible work schedules were on our wish list. Today they are a reality.

One year ago, we were taken for granted at City Hall. Today we are a powerful voice in City Government and one of our former directors, Dennis Zine, is a member of the City Council.

One year ago, Chief Parks dismissed us as irrelevant. Today, Chief Parks is – to put it politely – on the verge of involuntary retirement.

One year ago, the League was largely unknown to the local media. Today, we are among the first to be called and quoted on law enforcement and public safety issues.

This is the big picture of our accomplishments. In the last year we have also made great strides on issues that affect our members on a day-to-day basis, such as pension reform and our legal defense plan. So, as you can see, the future definitely isn't what it used to be. In fact, it's much, much brighter.

Years ago, Yogi made another very useful observation. He said, "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." He's right, of course. So, rather than make predictions, let me instead throw out some ideas about where we go from here.

First, we will continue to work hard to encourage the Police Commission to deny the renewal of Chief Parks' contract. I hope that by the next issue, Chief Parks will be turning in his papers and LAPD will be on its way to having its badly needed new leadership in place.

Second, we plan to work as closely as possible with the next Chief to rebuild the LAPD into the best municipal law enforcement organization in America.

Third, we will change the department's disciplinary system from the mess it is today, to a system that is fair to all concerned. We need a system that takes serious matters seriously, dismisses frivolous matters immediately and which ensures police officers have the same basic due process rights that are provided to every other citizen under our Constitution.

Finally, we will continue to make efforts to build relationships with the community. Although each and every one of us serves them on a daily basis, it is not often that we take the time to truly connect with them on a one-on-one basis. The League is making a commitment to change this.

I'm proud to say that this year, we helped to successfully pass Prop Q so that more fire and police facilities can be fixed or built; and we have raised many issues on behalf of the community. We believe we are not just the voice for LAPD officers, but also for the community. We are working toward a day when no 911 calls go unanswered, when community policing is restored and when LA is not the bank robbery capital of the nation.

I'd like to remind you of another wise remark Yogi once made. He said: "You can observe a lot, just by watching." As usual, he was right. By watching what the League said and did over the past year, you can easily see that when we focus and organize around the interests of our members, there is very little we cannot accomplish.

I am very excited about our prospects for the next 12 months. Working together, we can and will make LAPD an excellent place to work, and the best police department in America.

Failed Police Management

The leadership of Los Angeles – first former Mayor Dick Riordan and now Mayor James Hahn – has already been forced to insert themselves into the department to correct Parks' management mistakes. It was only under mayoral pressure that the Senior Lead Officer program was partially restored and a flexible work schedule implemented. The gutting of effective leadership in police divisions is another area that will have to be fixed by the Mayor – no matter who the Police Commission appoints to lead the LAPD for another five years. It is very interesting to note the refusal by Parks' command staff officers to publicly support his bid for a second term – this is yet another powerful sign of a department that yearns for a new Chief and new leadership.

The Disciplinary System

While everyone, both inside and outside the LAPD, agrees that we need a strong disciplinary system, the system with which we are currently saddled is as cumbersome as it is ineffective and counterproductive. The Mayor has already made it clear that we need to change our disciplinary system – obviously another major change at the LAPD that is going to be forced on the LAPD by the Mayor and city leaders.

This brings up the obvious question: if our Mayors must repeatedly step in to correct huge management errors, isn't it due time we passed the leadership baton onto a person who really understands how to manage our department? The answer is clear: it is time for Chief Parks to leave.

A Leader Must Support Those He Leads

We had hoped that we would be on the way to new leadership for the department by this time. However, with Chief Parks insisting that he must lead an organization – even one that does not respect his leadership and distrusts him – the debate over his future rages on. Even though additional information surfaces daily to support the call for a new Chief, Parks and his small

cadre of supporters continue to try to defend his record.

However, the disconnect between the Chief and the officers in the LAPD is readily apparent. I was particularly disturbed by a piece of information a fellow officer shared with me. On an appearance on the Michael Jackson Show, Chief Parks fielded calls from listeners. In the course of one call, a listener deemed all LAPD officers "cowards," saying that during the 1992 riots, they proved this by doing nothing to stop the rioters.

In his response to the caller, not once did Chief Parks defend LAPD officers and dispute the caller's characterization of officers as "cowards." How can a true leader allow someone to insult his people? Particularly when those that one leads should be a reflection upon one's self, I would think that Chief Parks would be quick to defend the proud officers of our city and deny that any one of them is a coward.

The truth is that in the first three days of the riots, officers were hindered by the inability of LAPD's leadership to make any decisions. Their hands were tied, and they could not effectively handle the problems without an action plan from the leaders of the department. It was a leadership problem then – just as there is a leadership problem now.

You and I know that the rank and file of this department is not composed of cowards. We will not hesitate to say that publicly. As for the current Chief – well, his lack of words to defend his officers speak volumes about his inability to lead.

LaLey Announces Position on Chief Parks

The Latin American Law Enforcement Association ("LaLey") announced its support for Mayor James Hahn's decision to oppose Bernard Parks' bid for a second term as Los Angeles' Chief of Police. The organization stated that it carefully considered Chief

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SPECIALIZED UNITS MUST BE PRESERVED

BOB BAKER, VICE PRESIDENT

Cannibalization of specialized units by the department is its stopgap solution to the shortage of patrol officers. This desperate tactic is tantamount to putting a band aid on a cancer. This so-called "solution" leads inevitably to an increase in crime, an increase in criminals who remain free and a decrease in the safety of our community.

We all understand the need for adequate amounts of patrol officers — who else serves such an integral part to protecting this city day in and day out — but the question to be asked is, at what cost? Certainly, a patrol officer can have an impact on crime in general. However, the reason specialized units were created was because it is understood that a small fraction of the general population commits most of our crime, so to proactively attack criminals, you need personnel and adequate resources assigned to combat specific types of crime. Each unit, doing its job to combat a specific problem, multiplies the effectiveness of patrol officers.

There are many examples of "harvesting" (*robbing Peter to pay Paul*) and mismanagement of resources within the department as our ranks continue to slip in numbers — now down by 1,200. I'd

like to highlight a few of the key areas where this is occurring and the effect it is having on our city.

Narcotics Division is now down from 368 to 202 — there are 135 vacancies. The emphasis within the division is now on field enforcement section (FES), thus attacking street drug problems within the community. Obviously this is the way it needs to be done in order to combat the drug problems plaguing our streets, but the department is allocating its limited personnel resources inefficiently. Because they have moved to a task force strategy to fight drugs, this means that arrests are increasing and officers' time must be stretched between their regular duties and appearances in court. Time in court, on top of each officers' regular duties, costs the department more in overtime, which depletes funds — this is not a smart way of running things.

A better alternative would be to instead put the Narcotics Division on a 4/10 schedule. This would maximize the officers' time by allowing them to be in the field for a longer time, while saving overtime for court appearances. Switching to this schedule would serve two purposes: providing the officer hours necessary for fighting crime,

while better allocating overtime hours and departmental resources. Although the department has no problem implementing 12-hour shifts to guard against terrorist activity, it will not take this dire step to protect against the common criminals on the street. The department is stuck on the mentality that it only has to do what is required of it — nothing more. This is how management appears to be thinking when it comes to specialized units such as Narcotics, which desperately need some changes made to its scheduling or recruitment efforts before the ranks are depleted any further. I cannot understand the reasoning behind this line of thinking.

Over the last several years, fighting gangs in LA has also apparently become less of a priority for the department. The troubles date back to March 2000, when the department disbanded all CRASH units citywide. This action unleashed a whole new set of problems that Los Angeles not seen in years. From 1993 until 2000, gang homicides were consistently decreasing year after year. By one month after the CRASH units were disbanded, according to LAPD's gang statistics on the department's Web site, gang homicides showed an increase after five years of downward trends — there was a 13.5% increase over April 1999. By May 2000, there was an 84.4% increase in gang homicides, and the five-year trend showed an increase of 22.8%.

One year after CRASH units were disbanded, in April 2001, gang murders were up 100% year-to-date, and up 77.7% in the five-year trend.

There were nearly as many gang murders in Los Angeles in the year 2001 as

there were back in 1993 (just 15 shy), even though 1993 was the last year that the City of Los Angeles counted more than 1,000 total homicides. So although other homicides are being prevented, we're back to where we started — or worse — on gang homicides. Already in 2002, according to LAPD, gang homicides are up 87%.

The department has made it so that the current situation is unavoidable. Although a new gang Special Enforcement Unit was put into place after CRASH was disbanded, the guidelines of the consent decree make it so that the officers' hands are tied and they cannot do their jobs properly. So although the department has taken one step toward restoring order in the fight against gangs, it has not given officers within the division the authority or the tools to properly conduct the fight.

More trouble may be ahead for our specialized units. Last month, Police Commission President Rick Caruso put forth a proposal to temporarily reassign DARE officers to other areas of the department, such as patrol. The LAPPL does not support this proposal, nor do we support dismantling the DARE program. It can only contribute to the problems we have experienced with the dismantling of the CRASH units or inefficiencies in running divisions such as Narcotics, Metro or Organized Crime Intelligence — no matter how desperate we are to fill our patrol ranks, the solution cannot be to purge our specialized units.

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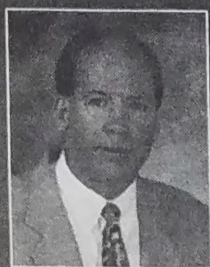
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Please do not hesitate to contact your League Insurance Department for additional information at (800) 736-7070.

dates in the lower bands to sergeant due to the fact that he sent numerous officers to Board of Inquiries and then by-passed these officers, thus creating such a gap from the bypassed officers that, per City Charter, he couldn't get to the lower bands to promote them, even though there were over 100 sergeants' openings. The issue in the class action grievance and administrative appeal is that, per an agreement between the LAPPL and the Department, the only way the Chief of Police can't promote eligible candidates, is to send them to a Board of Inquiry. The League feels that the Chief of Police has violated this agreement by not send-

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| 60-64 | 5,500 | 6,000 | 12,000 | 13,000 | 14,000 | 15,000 | 21,000 | 23,000 | 38,000 | 42,000 |
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Class Action Grievance and Administrative Appeal Filed Regarding Expired Sergeants' List

I have filed a class action grievance and administrative appeal regarding the Sergeants' List which expired on January 19, 2002. As most of you that were on this list know, the Chief of Police was unable to appoint the candi-

ing the eligible candidates in the lower bands to a Board of Inquiry. I will be updating you as the grievance and the administrative appeal go through the different levels. If you have any questions, you can email me at timsands@lappl.org. (Editor's Note: The LAPPL has also authorized funding for a class action

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Systemic Failure

LAPD is failing in its primary task. Much of the reason for the failure is systemic. In other words, the systems are failing. This is not about personalities. It is about the organizational systems and culture.

The police department exists to maintain our safety and our way of life. The League exists to help the police department do a better job. Many elected and/or appointed leaders and managers do not understand that every once in a while there are enlightened union leaders who can significantly facilitate the improvement of the parent organization, in this case LAPD.

For example, during the depression, there was a steelworker/union leader named Joseph Scanlon who developed what came to be known as the Scanlon Plan. His plan was rooted in the concept that the steel industry, and in fact every business enterprise, could be improved by gaining access to the "dignity and untapped potential of every human being," including the ordinary workers.

By the 1940s, Scanlon had become a lecturer at one of America's most prestigious universities, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His ideas were based on the concept that the "average worker knows his own job better than anyone else, and that there are a great many things that he could do if he has a complete understanding of the necessary. Given this opportunity of expressing his intelligence and ingenuity, he becomes a more useful and valuable citizen in any given community or in any

industrial operation."

Scanlon's views were true then and were recently proven true again in an experiment which involved soldiers on a forced, competitive 20 kilometer march. They were divided into four groups. The only variable in the experiment was the verbal instructions given to each group.

Unit #1 was told exactly how far the march was going to be and then given regular progress updates as the march advanced. The results were quite predictable. Unit #1 was overwhelmingly more successful than any of the other groups.

Unit #2 was simply told that they were going to participate in the long march they'd heard about. Unit #2 was kept in the dark, and they are the ones that performed the worst.

Unit #3 was told they would "march 15 kilometers." After marching 14 kilometers, they were told, "they had six more to go." Unit #3 scored the second highest.

Unit #4 was told they would "march 25 kilometers." After marching 14, they were told, "they had six more to go." Unit #4 scored third highest.

The difference between Unit #3 and #4 appears to be that "it's less of a let-down to think you have farther to go and then learn you have less [to go], than to [believe you have less to go and then] learn you have more [to go]."

But the most important result of this experiment is the significantly better results that Unit #1 attained. It was far better than any of the other groups.

Mushroom Management

Some managers practice what I call "Mushroom Management." We all know it as keeping you in the dark and filling you full of cow dung. But the fact is that

Scanlon's ideas of keeping people informed, setting goals and integrating one's personal goals with the goals of the organization, leads to better individual and organizational performance.

Professor Douglas McGregor, a contemporary of Scanlon at MIT, saw the brilliance of the Scanlon Plan. McGregor said that "The Scanlon Plan is not a formula, a program, or a set of procedures. It is a way of industrial life—a philosophy of management—which rests on theoretical assumptions entirely consistent with Theory Y."

Not long ago, I wrote in the *Thin Blue Line* about McGregor and his important management Theories — X and Y. The basic assumption of Theory Y states that workers want to be a part of something greater than themselves, a team where they can actively participate in something meaningful and enduring. It also assumes that workers are NOT "by nature passive and [resistant] to organizational needs."

As for their part, management's job, according to McGregor, "is to arrange organizational conditions and methods of operation so [the workers] can achieve their own goals best by directing their own efforts [in concert with the overall] organizational objectives."

I like to think of the dynamic as an orchestra. It is the musician's (worker) job to play the instrument and make the sound. It is the director's (management) job to bring all of the individual instruments and sounds together in harmony, to create great music.

Theory X is the contradiction of Theory Y. The basic assumptions of Theory X are that management alone is

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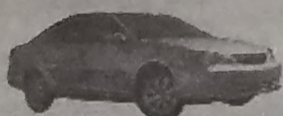
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UNCLEAR?

DON LINT

Seldom in my life have I ever been so unclear as to why people fail to act and solve the problem that is staring them in the face. The subject that I am referring to is the severe shortage of officers protecting the taxpayers of this great city.

Recently, your Directors at the Police Protective League have taken the most drastic steps ever taken by the Board in an effort to protect your rights, improve your working conditions and protect the citizens in this city. All this at a tremendous cost to everyone involved. Your Directors have been keenly aware of the ramifications of Chief Parks being reinstated for another five years. Not only would the Department that we all love and respect disappear, but also many of you will not be here at the end of the next five years. Some of you will be unjustly terminated and others will leave voluntarily. In any case, your families will be affected and certainly every Director on this board will be targeted for termination. I do believe in beating the opposition to the punch. I am saying that Chief Parks will, if he already has not, target each of us for termination. With that in mind, why would we, or should we, stick our careers on the line?

I won't speak for anyone but myself on this issue. I believe the Chief has taken the Department down a path of

destruction and endangered everyone living in Los Angeles. From the mishandling of the Rafael Perez scandal to the inability to retain and recruit police officers, these things rest squarely on the Chief's shoulders. With this in mind, I believe I have a duty as your elected representative to speak for you. I believe as a Los Angeles Police Officer, I, like all of you, have sworn to "protect and serve" our community. I believe the citizens of this city need to be protected against the misguided management of our Department.

I believe the problem associated with the loss of more than 1,200 officers could be solved by paying the officers we currently have, to work overtime. Yet we have no overtime details working to suppress crime. What is the Chief's solution? Slash specialized units and put more bodies in black and whites. How pathetic. I have often heard how brilliant our upper management is, and particularly the Chief. I seriously question the presumption of the brilliance that exists. Why should we have to take people out of Metro, Narcotics, ATD, DARE, or any other units? My position is that ALL of our specialized units perform very needed tasks and should not be cut.

That genius, Dick Riordan, budgeted us for 10,000 police officers. We have

never reached that level and, therefore, the city has never had to pay for 10,000 officers. So the question that should come to everyone's mind is why haven't we been operating as if we had 10,000 officers? Is the Department attempting to save money at the expense of citizen's blood? Apparently! When was the last time you saw sign up sheets for overtime details? We should have overtime details coming out of our ears.

Recently I attended a Police Commission meeting and numerous citizens from Hollenbeck Division were present and expressed their concern for their safety as well as the safety of their family members. I have never seen such sincere concern at a Police Commission meeting before. The people were not concerned with the ability or willingness of the officers in Hollenbeck Division to help. They were concerned that officers were not allowed to help them because the Department refused to pay for overtime details to stop the violence. What was the response from the Department? Cut bodies from specialized units to augment patrol. In effect, cut services from an already critically short division. Smoke and mirrors. I believe this was done as retaliation for speaking up for themselves. The vindictive culture of our Department has finally reached into the

community. The same treatment officers have been dealing with for the last five years is what the community of Hollenbeck Division is dealing with today.

The solution was simple, pay overtime to the true experts. Give all those hard-working coppers overtime pay to put bad guys in jail. You can bet the bad guys are working overtime to take control of as much territory as possible before the inevitable end of this misguided Chief's term. Even when Chief Parks is gone, the serious problem of our culture still needs to be overcome.

Consider for a moment if management had a true partnership with the rank and file as well as the community they serve. Might this not be true Community-Based Policing everyone is looking for? I cannot think of a better solution to our current problems than having an open, honest dialogue with all the stakeholders being involved, but our current leadership claims to have all the answers and needs no help from anyone.

To wrap this whole thing up, I am still unclear as to why we are not paying to put our experts to work preventing and suppressing crime.

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A WIN FOR POLICE/SHERIFFS FROM AQMD

PETER REPOVICH

At a full board meeting in February of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Board of Directors voted to amend rule 2202 (On Road Motor Vehicle Mitigation Options). The new definition, "Police/Sheriffs" exemption allows the City of Los Angeles to exclude the count for rule applicability of LAPD employees in the peak window and then from the AVR (Average Vehicle Ridership) survey. This means that the AQMD understands that we department employees should not have to comply with some of its standards and therefore will not hold the city responsible for the same standard of compliance. Requested by myself and your Board of Directors, this rule change was supported by the City of Los Angeles and will save a substantial amount of dollars over time. I pursued this rule change because I felt that police officers really do not fit a regular pattern when it comes to work hours, and especially when it comes to potential overtime officers have to work at a moment's notice. The Board of the AQMD recognized right away the conflict and moved immediately to change the rule, not only for LAPD, but also for Police and Sheriffs for the whole Southern California region.

After attending the full AQMD Board meeting where they were to vote at I

realized how impactful that rule change was to all municipalities and their pocketbooks. Representatives from all over southern California attended to hear the result of the ruling and were delighted by the change because they too will save many dollars.

This brings me to the efforts by the City of Los Angeles and the Joint Labor Management Committee on commute options and parking. From a letter dated October 25, 2000, a parking MOU was created by representatives of all the cities labor unions to comply with state mandates. The letter further states that, "the city, in demonstrating good faith efforts to comply with the AQMD mandates, is encouraging city employees to rideshare and to use other means of trip reduction. This committee was set up to comply with state law". The purpose of the city creating what is referred to as the Joint Labor Management Committee was to help the City of Los Angeles offset the costs associated with the trip reduction program, required by the AQMD. The city wants to charge employees working Van Nuys, WLA and Central facilities. The program the city is in is referred to as ECRP, (Employee Commute Reduction Program). As a result of the changed rule LAPD officers do not have to meet the same standards

under the rule the other city employees do who have a fixed work schedule.

LAPD officers should not be subject to parking fees and restrictions placed in the Joint Labor Management Committee MOU:

The parking MOU, which encourages carpooling and ridesharing, is tailored to meet the needs of city employees with regular and predictable hours. Officers must be available around the clock. Public transportation and carpooling are not available during most of our members' required hours of work, so they are not workable options.

An informal survey of area law enforcement organizations shows that competing professional agencies **do not** assess their officers for parking. This includes LA County Sheriffs, Santa Monica, Glendale, Inglewood, and Pasadena P.D.

Even the AQMD sees that it is unreasonable for law enforcement to comply with these types of restrictions, and therefore changed rule 2202.

Motorcycle officers and many others with special assignments have no choice but to commute in official vehicles. Charging them to encourage public transportation or carpooling obviously makes no sense whatsoever.

Other officers, who commute in their personal vehicles, are not candidates for

public or group transit. Officers must be available to work overtime with no advance notice, making coordinating their transportation needs with vans, carpools or public transportation impossible. Charging fees to encourage behavior that their jobs make impossible is ludicrous.

As constituted, the proposed program will end up charging officers for something it cannot deliver. At some police stations, parking is inadequate. There is no assurance that parking will be available, even if officers pay for it. Again charging for services that cannot be delivered is wrong.

No overall cost-benefit analysis has been performed, and I don't think it would come out in favor of the chaos that would be created for everyone!!

1) We are working hard to prevent our members from being charged.

2) We have requested a Meet and Confer.

3) We are and will continue to pursue legal action.

The Joint Labor Management Committee has set an arbitrary ending date for the MOU that invalidates its use among many other issues.

All the best.

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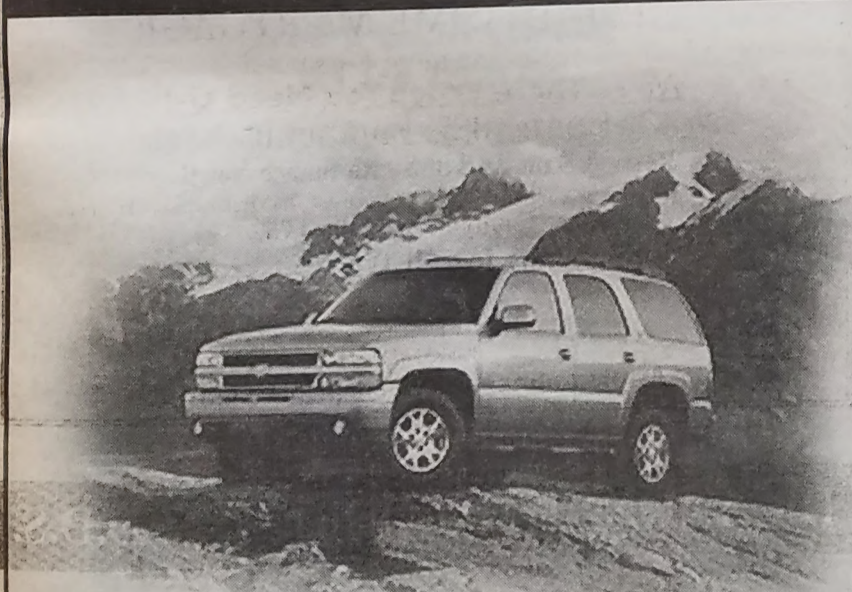
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Membership

The reasons to be a member of this union have increased again! The change to Charter Section 1070 has taken effect. As of March 1, 2002, you can no longer select a Defense Representative to represent you at a Board of Rights.

I had to tell a non member yesterday he would have to hire someone to represent him at his Board. The cost of representation at a Board of Rights can reach the tens of thousands of dollars.

If you are not a member you had better rethink your position! Don't wait for the 1.28 to hit. Join the League today!

Communications

One of the most important things we do as Directors is communicate and respond to the needs of our members. I visit different Divisions or units around the City and return calls as soon as possible. Please feel free to approach us, call or e-mail us to discuss your opinions or needs. If you don't receive a call back within a reasonable amount of time call again!

Committee Assignments

Each year the President assigns Directors to chair or be a member of committees at the League. The Director, as Chair, is tasked in most

cases with selecting Delegates to serve on the committees and insuring they fulfill their assigned duties. As a member of the committee, we assist the Chair in their duties.

I have listed my assignments for your information:

CHAIR

Grievances- Co-Chair with Baker
Workers Compensation
Catastrophic Illness
Managed Health Network
Judicial Liaison
ADHOC on Discipline Reform
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I will be writing on these committees throughout this year.

Grievances

The first is my assignment as Co-Chair on grievances with Bob Baker. We will be working together to insure that all grievances receive the proper handling. We will be constantly reviewing our systems to insure they provide you with the best service.

We have over one hundred active grievances, which are being worked and tracked. We are fortunate to have a dedicated staff member, **Jennifer Gallegos**, to assist us with them.

Section 8.0 of our current MOU explains and defines the grievance procedure for all sworn personnel. If you feel you have a legitimate matter that requires a grievance, contact a Director to discuss it. **The most important thing you must remember is to file your grievance within twenty days of the event upon which the grievance is based.** The failure to do this will be considered a waiver of your grievance rights.

Managed Health Network (MHN)

I have been working with MHN since January to improve and expand services. In response to our efforts, MHN will be expanding its Los Angeles office to

accommodate the League's account. The League's account had been serviced by MHN staff in Northern California. There will be a new toll-free number and local people who will be trained to handle the special needs of our members. Since they are local they will be more aware of the issues facing us. There will not be any disruption in service to the membership during this transition.

This process is still being planned and worked on by MHN and the League. I will keep the Delegates up to date on this issue. When we get firm dates and information I will publish it in the Blue Line and on 2020.

If you have any ideas on how to improve our service let me know!

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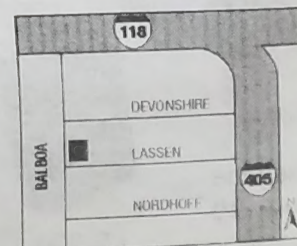
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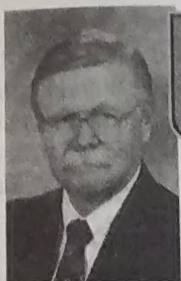
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A Shooting

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Your partner comes running in from the rear of the building and flips on a light switch. She stands frozen looking at the suspect lying on the floor. Blood is flowing from his head and out from under his torso. You can see both of the suspect's hands. They are empty.

The rest is a blur. Your partner calls an ambulance. You put out a help call. Officers arrive and block off the scene. A sergeant arrives and gets a public safety statement. You are separated from your partner and transported back to the station. You are sitting in the Captain's office waiting for the Officer Involved Shooting team to arrive. Your mind is racing. You can't seem to put everything together. You are second guessing yourself into a near panic. You know that

your career and maybe your freedom rest on the outcome of the coming investigation. You hope that the OIS detective on call is the most experienced and skilled investigator in the unit.

Then you are informed that it is time for the walk-through. You are transported back to the scene. You are brought over to the lead OIS investigator handling the case. Your blood runs cold for the second time this night. You recognize the investigator. He is an acquaintance. You know that the only investigative experience he has is from his years in Internal Affairs. You know that he has never worked homicide, never seen an autopsy, knows nothing about blood spattering, little about ballistics, nothing about the psychological and physical effects of high stress critical incidents, and his career goals have nothing to do with obtaining such expertise. Your confidence in the process you are about to go through hits bottom.

Experience

Experience in today's LAPD is expendable. The trend that has been coming and is now being accelerated is to turn the Officer Involved Shooting team into another Internal Affairs unit. This means "recap" will be in competition with truth. Officer Involved Shootings have been identified as a

problem and management cannot show "progress" in solving the problem without displaying sufficient administrative severed heads to appease the Department's critics.

We have seen the process before. The Rampart scandal created the Rampart Task Force. The need for "recap" to show Department progress on cleaning up the allegations made by Perez sent dozens of officers to Boards of Rights. The evidence and sometimes the quality of the investigations were so poor that in over eighty Boards of Rights filed by the Department only two officers have been terminated and they are on appeal. Public criticism over domestic violence spawned another specialized unit out of Internal Affairs whose enthusiasm in promulgating zero tolerance for domestic violence has resulted in two major lawsuits against the City, now heading for court. Now, as earlier predicted in this column, the movement to substitute expertise in Officer Involved Shootings with expertise in personnel complaint investigations is moving rapidly forward. The result will be a devastating blow to the quality of investigations and civil liability danger both individually for officers and for the City.

The rising crime problem will cause the Department to demand that officers confront the suspects responsible for violence on the one hand, while administratively stomping an officer into the ground when the inevitable questionable shooting arises on the other. That is what makes you canon fodder and that is the evil in the system. A department that sends you in harm's way has the moral and ethical obligation to refrain from sacrificing you to the numbers game even when you make a mistake.

This all started with the Consent

Decree. The Department's Officer Involved Shooting process was questioned and, even though it was found that LAPD has the leading edge shooting investigation program in the country, there weren't enough officers being fired and criminally prosecuted to satisfy the critics. It must be, it was said, that the detectives investigating officer involved shootings weren't being tough enough. Ergo, send in the Internal Affairs types. But how to do it?

The Consent Decree created the Critical Incident Investigation Division in April of last year. Initially, this merely joined the Officer Involved Shooting team under the same captain as the LERII team. The functions stayed relatively the same. The investigative styles of the two sections are night and day, however, as is the leadership in each unit. The LERII side is heavily influenced by an Internal Affairs style of administrative investigation.

As an illustration, an officer with a suspect in custody in his back seat was searching for the suspect's accomplice. He exited his vehicle to check out a receding figure in the darkness and was attacked by dog which he had to shoot. Dog shootings are handled by the LERII side. The suspect in the rear seat was a witness to the shooting. The officers ended up being investigated for the validity of the suspect's detention even though it had nothing to do with the shooting of the dog and the suspect had not made a complaint. In other words, the purpose of the original investigation was lost in the mentality that every possible angle of misconduct had to be explored.

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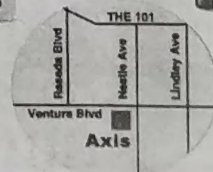
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. **Letters must be limited to 350 words or less.** Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

NO NEW CONTRACT FOR CHIEF PARKS

Chief Bernard Parks should not be offered a new five-year contract as Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department. His policies have led to mismanagement of the Department; have been wasteful of precious resources; and the cost of his policies in terms of the police mission, as well as the human toll, are grossly outweighed by any minimal benefit he may claim. His lack of any demonstrated leadership is abundantly clear. The overwhelming majority of the rank and file, as well as the staff and command officers, have no support for Chief Parks. Finally, and most disturbing, is his lack of character. He has displayed a history of situational integrity, has clearly been less than candid with the public, the Police Commission, the City Council, and the employees of the Department. He routinely provides a façade of cooperation and support for a variety of issues when in fact his actions clearly indicate the opposite.

THE ISSUES - Recruitment

Chief Parks has created a working environment of fear, hostility, and a complete lack of trust in the Chief of Police. Employees are voting with their feet. The resignations of young officers

seeking employment with other departments, the mass exodus of tenured officers, and the inability of the Department to attract significant new recruits are a direct reflection of Chief Parks and his policies. In addition, for every officer who leaves, many more would like to follow suit but cannot for a variety of personal reasons. The Department has stated for many years that the best recruiters have always been the officers who encourage good candidates to join. Given the present morale, what do you think officers are telling prospective recruits? They are telling them, "Trust me, you don't want to work here!" Chief Parks and his few personal supporters can spin the issue as they please, but the facts are clear from the number of people leaving, the 93% vote of no confidence by the rank and file, and the lack of any public support by the command officers' union. The Department is going backward from the previous buildup with over 1100 vacancies, a figure which is increasing each day. There is no silver bullet to the problem of crime and public safety. We do know that the more resources are committed to fight crime, the more success we enjoy. The 1100 vacancies are larger than 99% of the police departments in this country. If Chief Parks is awarded another five-year term, this trend will continue until

he leaves.

FACT: In 1997, 9,720 officers comprised the Los Angeles Police Department. By 2001, despite several costly out-of-state recruitment efforts and a vigorous local campaign, this number fell to 8,905, a reduction of 815 officers or 8.4%.

The Disciplinary System

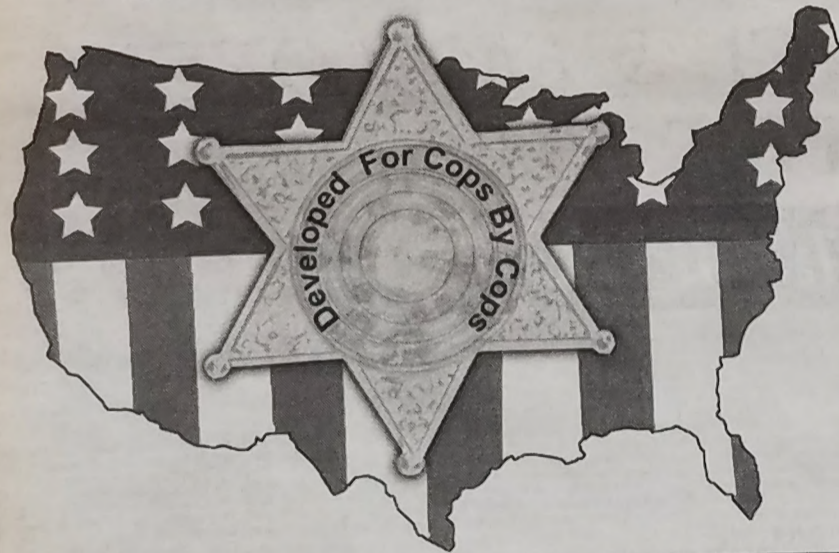
Chief Parks' disciplinary system demands the same level of investigation, no matter how small or frivolous the issue, and has tripled the workload of everyone involved in the process. Officers, as well as the public, can wait a year for a small and easily resolved complaint to be completed, including complaints against policy for which the officer is blamed for following procedure. It is not fair, it is costly, and the public and the officers demand and deserve better. An example provided by the Department states that a citizen complaining that the police helicopter is making too much noise and who is told that officers are looking for a robbery suspect, and who says, "Great! I hope you get him," is a formal complaint, necessitating the full administrative process. In the past, a sergeant's log would have sufficed. The only rationale provided by Chief Parks for his draconian system of discipline was that you cannot always find ser-

geants' logs later. Fine, then attach a complaint face sheet, give it a number, the Captain reviews it, and it is completed. If Internal Affairs is unhappy with an issue, then they can send it back. Minor changes now being made to the disciplinary system by Chief Parks are being done at the "point of a gun," five years later. Chief Parks provided no additional resources to implement his Byzantine system of discipline, leaving hundreds of complaints sitting in boxes waiting for investigation. Field sergeants are gone from the field, leaving young officers with little or no supervision, and commanding officers spending an inordinate amount of their time on system paperwork, with an equal loss of time to public safety. This cost was borne at the expense of the police mission. No improvement in service has been gained and no public perception of improved integrity noted. What has happened among officers is that self preservation has now supplanted the police mission to the extent that minimizing the chances of receiving a complaint is now the priority, instead of quality of service and proactive police work. No one objects to being held accountable, it is the cost and the unreasonableness of the

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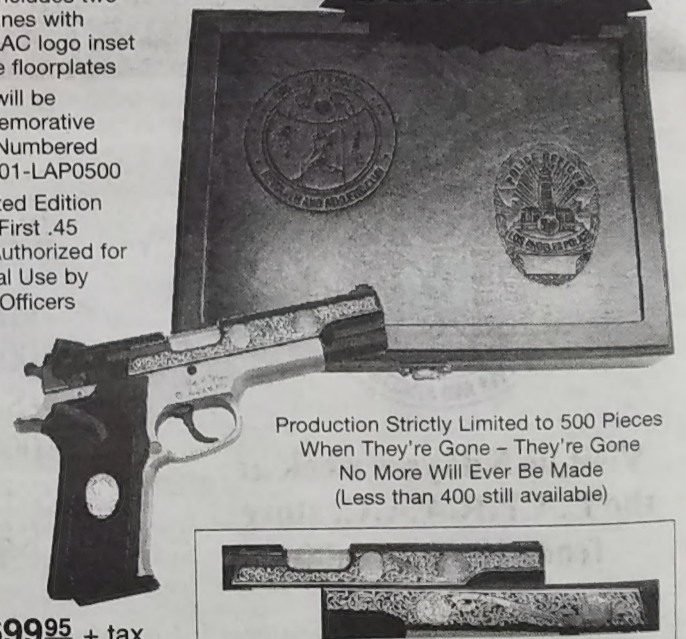
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system that is the objection. While hundreds of homicides go unsolved due to inadequate investigation and lack of resources, a grossly inordinate amount of time and resources is being spent on frivolous complaints. This is inherently wrong and not the way taxpayers want their tax dollars spent.

FACT: In 1997, the homicide clearance rate stood at 70%. By 2000, the rate had plummeted to 43.8%.

Community Based Policing

Community Based Policing is dead at the LAPD because of Chief Parks. The Senior Lead Officers (SLO's) were the best personification of the Department to the community and the most effective at directly dealing with community issues. They are gone. Chief Parks just did it with no input from anyone. Meetings held later to discuss the issue were façades to placate and maybe win over the community. As we know, the community was outraged by the move. Did Chief Parks care? No. Several years later, after so much community anger, the Mayor ordered the SLO's back. They are not back, only in appearance, not in fact. Chief Parks is a master at dragging his feet when something does not suit him. It is impractical for a radio car officer to work as a SLO, for the same reasons SWAT officers do not investigate burglaries. The removal of the SLO's fractured the relationship between the Chief of Police and public, as well as a large segment of the Department. Another casualty of Chief Parks' tenure is Community Police Advisory Boards (CPAB). He wants and has total control over the makeup and

agenda of the boards and in the process has severely damaged and hampered the relationship with them and limited any useful input. Chief Parks lives in the 70's when the Chief of Police would brook no interference with his authority and the community took the service the police gave them.

Morale

Chief Parks has been absolutely devastating to morale. Initially it was his policies that sent morale plummeting; the disciplinary system, absolutely no compressed work schedules, the removal of the SLO's, and the resignations and lack of recruits that increase the workload on those who remain. The low morale was not caused by the Rampart scandal. Morale was an issue before Rampart and it is still an issue after Rampart. His handling of the gang units as a result of the Rampart scandal amounts to "throwing the baby out with the bath water." You need only read the paper to see the results. The issue is Chief Parks. The climate of fear and intimidation he has created, the hostile and degrading atmosphere employees work under, an arrogant and inflexible tyrant who rules by subtle reprisal, the unfairness and double standard of discipline, the cronyism and lack of integrity associated with his promotions, his failed policies, and the lack of hope for improvement in any of these issues until he is gone is the reason the LAPD, claimed to be the finest department in the world, cannot recruit adequately, and the reason people do not want to come to work here.

FACT: In 1997, the 9,720 officers on the Los Angeles Police Department used 928,753 hours of sick time and Injured on Duty time off. In 2000, with 552 less

officers, the use of sick and Injured on Duty time escalated to 1,349,394 hours, an increase of 420,641 hours, or 31%.

FACT: In 1997, there were approximately 80 resignations. By 2000, this number had escalated to approximately 340, an increase of over 400%.

FACT: In 1997, approximately 60% of officers leaving the Department were retirements, with the remaining 40% being resignations. By 2000, this trend had reversed itself with approximately 60% leaving due to resignations and 40% now retirements.

QUOTE: "I am not responsible for

morale." Chief Parks addressing his captains on the issue of poor morale.

Lack of Leadership

By definition, the embodiment, the core, the spirit, the heart and soul of leadership is the ability of the leader to gain the willing support of the employees to accomplish the objectives of the organization. By any barometer Chief Parks has failed miserably. The fact that any work gets done is not because of Chief Parks, but in spite of him. Chief

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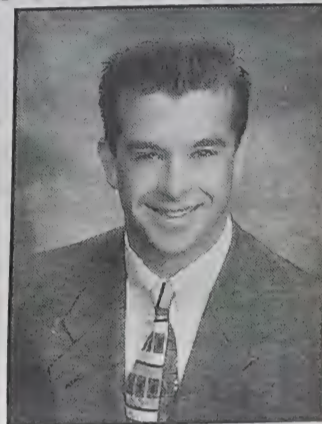
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Parks has a negligible following within the Department. The police union no confidence vote of 93% is historic, not only in terms of the number, but it also portrays the disdain and venom the rank and file have for the Chief of Police. These feelings are also shared by the overwhelming majority of the staff and command officers of the Department. Many present and former staff and command officers provided issues, insight, and support for this letter. Their union, however, remains silent on this critical issue for fear of reprisal. Most have made their lack of support for Chief Parks known in private. Some will claim support in public, and disavow it in private. The fact that the Command Officers Association has remained mute is telling. Currently, there is a struggle going on to take a no confidence vote, but many are afraid. If the Command Officers Association were supporting the Chief we certainly would hear about it.

Situational Integrity

The most troubling aspect concerning Chief Parks has been his lack of character, something that has punctuated his career with the Los Angeles Police Department. To list all of the incidents, which bring this fact into focus, would be prohibitive here. Therefore, the incidents described below will serve only as examples to show that Chief Parks is not the stern disciplinarian that he masquerades as, but rather a person who prac-

tices "situational integrity" which is dictated by the circumstances of the incident and person(s) involved.

Several years ago, while Parks was a Deputy Chief, he parked his City vehicle in a space striped for use by persons parking in a handicapped space. He was subsequently cited by a member of the Los Angeles Police Department. Instead of either paying for the citation or requesting a hearing, he merely handed it to a captain with the implied mission...have the citation cancelled. It was, in direct violation of the law. If an officer had committed such an act, Chief Parks would correctly administer a harsh penalty, if not outright removal from the Department. Several years later, officers who parked at a curb restricted for street cleaning, after the street cleaner had passed for the day, requested that the citation be cancelled. They received a personnel complaint, suspension and demotion, as did the supervisor who tried to cancel it. Chief Parks' conduct surrounding his receiving a citation was reprehensible, falling far short of that which is expected and demanded of a staff officer. The above is a classic example of Chief Parks' double standard when it comes administering discipline.

Under Chief Williams, for a time, Chief Parks was in charge of Internal Affairs Division. An officer who worked in Chief Williams' office had suffered two complaints for which he had been found guilty. One involved making a stolen vehicle report for his motorcycle that he knew was not stolen, and subsequently reporting it to the insurance company. He was given a 10-

day suspension (a gift). Within two years the same officer was found guilty of submitting and receiving compensation for nine overtime slips that were fraudulent. The officer was given a nine-day suspension (a second gift). He was not only allowed to remain in the Chief's office, but was promoted to an advanced pay grade within one year. A short time later the same officer participated in the Sergeant's promotional process. It was only through the efforts of retired Captain Connie Dial and the Inspector General that forced the Department to conduct a Board of Inquiry to determine the fitness of this officer for promotion. The hand-picked board found the officer to be fit. What logic or rationale they used to support such a decision is unknown and a mystery. The officer was promoted to Sergeant, a supervisory position whose responsibilities include training, advice and integrity. Clearly Chief Parks and other staff officers were not acting in the best interests of the Department or the public. They had an inherent responsibility to come forward, even if they had to take their argument to the Police Commission. By remaining mute, Chief Parks and his peers neglected their responsibilities and failed the Department.

Shortly after Parks became Chief of Police he promoted Commander Maurice Moore to the rank of Deputy Chief, the second highest rank on the Department. A few years earlier Moore had been tried in Federal Court for a civil rights violation involving a female officer of the Los Angeles Police Department who alleged that she had been raped. Moore was cleared of the rape charge. He subsequently was sent to a Department Board of Rights on the same charges. Many within the Department have wondered why he was not also charged with Conduct Unbecoming an Officer instead of just the rape charge. He had already been cleared of the rape charge in Federal Court. What was exposed during the trial and the hearing (and the facts were not disputed by Moore), was that he had a "one night stand" with an officer who was married to a sergeant of police on the Los Angeles Police Department. The stress of the incident caused the husband to leave the Department and he later received a pension. Promoting such a morally bankrupt individual brings into question Chief Parks' belief and alle-

giance in the Department's Core Values of Respect for the Individual, Integrity in All We Say and Do, and Commitment to Leadership. The promotion of Moore was wrong and Chief Parks knows it, but he has no problem with practicing a double standard when nepotism and friendship are involved. This case has not been an aberration, but a double standard that he has practiced on many occasions involving promotions and discipline.

Finally, a command officer was promoted by Chief Parks after he had received a substantial suspension for beating his wife several years ago. A second incident involving the same charges could not be adequately resolved. Clearly, if an officer had been found guilty of a similar charge or pattern of conduct, he would not be promoted by Chief Parks to any rank. In fact, he has gone so far as to deny a promotion to Detective because the officer told a sexually explicit joke in the workplace. The message here is that if you beat your wife you can be promoted to a staff officer, but if you tell a joke, you cannot be promoted to Detective. Hardly a position that can be explained or supported.

In summary, Chief Parks' lack of integrity has caused an erosion of the very respect that is essential for any leader to succeed. To allow this condition to continue is tantamount to leaving cancer untreated and, is counter-productive to the effective management of the Department and negatively impacts the quality of police service provided to the public.

QUOTE: "The rules don't apply to me, I'm the Chief." Chief Parks addressing his Captains while discussing inconsistencies in discipline.

Less Than Candid

Chief Parks has a history of being less than candid with the Police Commission, the Department, the City Council, and the public. He displays a façade of support and cooperation for a variety of issues when, in fact, his actions clearly indicate the opposite. Some glaring examples include: his order not to cooperate with the District Attorney during the Rampart Investigation for which the Inspector General recommended a finding of sustained; the SLO debacle; the

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claimed support for the Office of the Inspector General and his role; and the Compressed Work Schedule which he terminated upon promotion to Chief and now is being forced to implement. The devil is in the details. Observers should watch his timeline and the invariable reasons proffered why the new schedule will not work. It is common knowledge that he is against the Compressed Work Schedule and will do anything he can to undermine it. Many past Police Commissioners and City Council members have openly complained over the years that getting a straight answer out of the LAPD is like pulling teeth. Chief Parks will spin, stonewall, misrepresent, omit and generally provide only the facts to support his predetermined position. He will let the issue age, require more study, or not act at all until forced to do so. These realities do a grave disservice to the relationship between a Chief of Police, those whose role depends on such information, and the public.

Some Final Thoughts

Chief Parks can no longer even attempt to lead the Department. He is so hated by the overwhelming majority of employees that it is too late for him to ever recover, even if he mended his ways and changes and improvements began today. If he is reappointed, the Department, the City, and community will get another five years of what it has now. Much damage has been done, and even after Chief Parks is finally gone, it will take years for the Department to recover. In the final analysis, it is the members of the community who suffer from a police department in chaos, with

members fleeing to other departments or retiring, and morale resting with the Titanic.

Those whose responsibility it is to correct this disastrous situation, which currently permeate the Department, must have the fortitude to do the right thing. Reappointing Chief Parks to a second five-year term is tantamount to putting new shoes on a dead horse.

Captain III Ron Seban (retired Nov. 2000, after 27 years)
Commanding Officer
Foothill Area

Captain III Richard Eide (retired July 2001, after 26 years)
Commanding Officer
Narcotics Division

Letter to the Editor:

I retired from the Los Angeles Police Department in 1994. I have had an ongoing battle with LAPD's Workmen's Comp. insurance carrier. They use every trick in the book to avoid paying for medical treatment that was granted to me by California's Workmen's compensation. I wasn't getting anywhere on my own, so I decided to contact our League to see if they would stand up for a non-dues-paying member. I wrote a letter to director Paul Weber, explaining my problems. Paul immediately called me to discuss my problems. He set up a meeting with the head of Cambridge Integrated Services Group, Inc., who is the bill-paying entity for the City of Los Angeles's Workmen's Comp. Paul has assured me that my problems have been resolved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Director Paul Weber for coming to my aid. It is a good feeling to know that

the League is still there, even if you have retired.

Very sincerely,
Baron C. Laetzsch, #14386 (Retired)

Subject: Chief

To all concerned:

I watched the meeting with the police commission. I watched the chief's face when his contingency spoke. The smirk on his face was disgusting. I thought this man had integrity. I thought this man had class. I was so wrong. These people did not have a clue about the SLO program. All they wanted was a new term for the chief. They were out of line, with no protocol, no manners whatsoever. They talked about things they knew nothing about. They were there to promote the chief and that's it. Then the chief showed up at a press conference for a murdered child in the South Central area. Funny, where was he when the block captain Jimmy Richards was murdered? Not at the funeral, not at the memorial service, and not with the community. The chief uses people when and only when he needs something. The chief never believed in the neighborhood watch program, or community based policing. It was not a surprise, a block captain is murdered and where is he? The chief's concern is himself, not for the public he says he works for. The chief laughs at everyone. He listens to no one. The chief chewed his gum and laughed at the commission meeting as I to say his friends won't stand for anything except Parks as chief. Miss Waters threatened Mr. Caruso—If he doesn't give Parks a new term she will make sure her community will picket his property at Farmer's Market, among other things. Miss

Waters, that is EXTORTION. Instead of threatening people to do what you demand, why don't you spend your energy looking for a qualified man or woman to replace Parks? Someone who will compromise, someone who will really listen to the community, someone who believes in community based policing, someone who supports his men and women. Someone who will support the police department, not say, "It is not his job." Someone who doesn't use his own black community out of selfish conveyance. When a coach's team is losing day after day, week after week, month after month, they get a new coach. We now face losing \$30 million in federal funding because of Parks. What does it take to make you see? Chief Parks has to go and we need a real leader. This is not a race issue but Chief Parks has turned it into just that. The chief is separating the city instead of pulling it together. How selfish can one man possibly be? That's Chief Parks for you.

Block Captain
Boston Dawna

Art Greci

Dear Art,

We just wanted to drop you a line to congratulate you on getting your pension. We also wanted to thank you for everything you have done for the Port Authority Police. I know at times it was not easy for you. Through it all you endured the pain from your injuries and worked tirelessly for a cause very near to our hearts. If not for you and Bob Procop we would not have been involved in the Volunteer for America concerts in

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Atlanta and Dallas. As I told you in our telephone conversation, the Port Authority Police World Trade Center Disaster Fund recently received another \$50,000 from the proceeds of those concerts. That, along with the original check for \$50,000 and the proceeds from the more than successful Cigar Night that you organized and ran, you are directly responsible for almost \$600,000 going into the fund.

Enclosed is a small token of our appreciation for everything you have

done for the Port Authority Police Department and the families of our 37 police officers who died in the attack of the World Trade Center, September 11th.

Thanks again for everything you have done for us. Would you please thank the LAPD Academy staff that assisted with the Cigar Night. Since the tragic events of September 11th, the entire Los Angeles Police Department has stepped up and supported the Port Authority Police Department in a way that is beyond belief. I know you can't thank every member of the LAPD, but if you would tell as many members of your

department as possible that their thoughts, prayers and tireless work on our behalf is greatly appreciated.

Good luck with your retirement.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Brian Toohey
Police Officer Thomas Ruddy
Port Authority Police, New York & New Jersey

Letter to the Editor:

I received this letter from the Port Authority Police and I believe in giving credit where credit is due. The fact of the matter is that without the assistance of the Directors of the Police Protective League, and in particular Don Lint, much of the aid and money raised for the Port Authority would not have happened. I know how much the League has done in

an effort to support our brother and sister officers on the East Coast during these tough days since September 11th. I also want to thank all of the officers from our Department that contributed to the effort and as this letter clearly shows, the effort is appreciated. I would have never dreamed that the day Don Lint called me and asked for my assistance that it would lead to helping raise almost \$600,000 for the families of the Port Authority officers that were killed.

I can't say enough how proud I am to be associated with the League and all of you that have helped.

Out here from Art Grecni

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Parks' record, his relationship with the men and women who serve under him, his standing in the community and the Mayor's position in this matter, and concluded that the interests of the LAPD and the City would be served best by a change in leadership.

LaLey President Detective Art Placencia stated, "We give credit where credit is due. Chief Parks came into a situation that was less than ideal and he was able to accomplish much for the benefit of the LAPD and this City. We believe, however, that the time is right for him to step down and for another person to lead the LAPD into the 21st century. It comes down to leadership, and we do not believe that Chief Parks can lead this Department going forward."

LaLey cited numerous issues with the

Chief's performance: his failure to implement the federal consent decree and the LaLey/Hunter Consent Decree; his failure to root out and correct the problems that plagued the LAPD under prior administrations; his refusal to adopt the flexible work schedule; his lack of support for community policing and the Senior Lead Officer program; and a general lack of respect and consideration for the Department's rank and file.

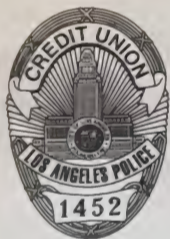
In his announcement, Det. Placencia stated, "We are very disappointed with the lack of progress for our members under Chief Park's tenure. We had expected that he would actively support and implement the LaLey Consent Decree, but he did not do so. Although there are over 3,000 Latinos in the LAPD (1/3 of the Department's strength), we did not see a meaningful increase in the number of Latinos in the

senior command staff and we do not see any indications that it will increase under Chief Parks' administration."

"Our issues with Chief Parks, however, are not only about Latinos," continued Det. Placencia. "Chief Parks has not kept faith with the men and women who serve under him. He has chosen to ignore their legitimate grievances and has alienated the majority of officers who proudly serve this City and its residents. The results of his failed policies are evident in his handling of the Rampart situation, the lack of improvement in policing of underserved areas such as East L.A., the flight of talented younger officers to other law enforcement agencies, the lack of retention of experienced senior officers, an inequitable disciplinary system and the inability of the Department to recruit new officers. This may result in a loss of substantial federal funds at a time when

those funds are desperately needed to ensure an uninterrupted high level of service to the residents of our City."

Detective Placencia concluded, "We appreciate and commend Chief Parks' willingness to continue serving this City and recognize his accomplishments. We respectfully ask the Chief to consider that he no longer has the confidence and support of the majority of the officers who work for him and now are looking to the Mayor for the implementation of their concerns. This has critically impaired his ability to effectively lead the LAPD during a second term. We also respectfully ask the Chief to consider that his bid for reappointment is not in the best interests of the Department and the City of Los Angeles, and we ask him to work with the Police Commission and the community to ensure a smooth transition of leadership."



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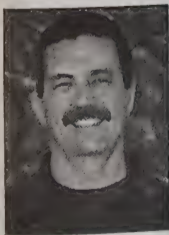
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lawsuit with the Petersen Law Firm for violation of the Police Officers Bill of Rights for the expired sergeants' list. I will update in future articles, 20/20 and the lapd.com Web site.)

Brady Lawsuit

The League is funding a lawsuit regarding the Department's Brady Letter policy. I was informed by the law firm

of Silver, Hadden & Silver that the court ruled to conditionally grant the motion for class certification. The court stated:

"For the foregoing reasons, and good cause appearing therefore, Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification is conditionally GRANTED. The class will consist of all rank and file officers of the LAPD who have received a Brady letter or hereafter and during the course of this litigation actually receive a Brady letter."

This is great news and a major positive step forward in prevailing in this lawsuit. I will update you as the lawsuit

progresses.

Record Number of Police Deaths in 2001

More than 230 police officers across the nation were killed in the line of duty during 2001, making it the deadliest year for the law enforcement profession since 1974. Included in the total were 70 officers who died at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001, the most officers ever to be killed in a single incident in the history of our nation.

According to preliminary figures released jointly by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), 231 federal, state and local law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in 2001.

This is a sobering figure. May God bless the friends and families of those 231 officers.

Take Care, Be Safe and God Bless America!

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responsible for the organization and its results. Without strong management, workers would not do their work because, according to X, the average worker is lazy, has no ambition, rejects responsibility, and in general isn't very bright.

People Come First

People come first. The most important element of any organization, especially a human-based service organization like LAPD, is the people. New cars, space age equipment are great, but if they are not put in the hands of highly qualified, highly motivated and dedicated professional practitioners, they have little value. They're just expensive toys. Tony Codanni of Toshiba American Information Systems says that "leadership is all about people, and if you're going to lead people you have to care about them."

Not long ago, we released the results of your evaluation of management

through the Assessing Police Leadership® (APL) survey instrument. It was dismissed by some elected and appointed people as "just the League." It is too bad that some people in decision-making positions don't understand enough about leadership and management to pay attention to what you as a professional practitioner (worker) are saying about the organizational culture of LAPD and its management systems. Those elected/appointed are a part of the poor systemic thinking.

Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner are two of the world's most authoritative and influential researchers, writers and lecturers on the subject of leadership. They wrote, "We've all heard the dismissing comment made by many in the managerial ranks that 'I don't care what people think of me.' Well, it may indeed be true for them, but it's not true of the best leaders."

"The best leaders want to be liked, and they want openness from other people," say Kouzes and Posner. "Not caring how others feel and think about what we do

and say is an attitude for losers—an attitude that can only lead to less and less effectiveness." In other words, say Kouzes and Posner, that genuinely caring for people is "at the heart of effective leadership."

Equally important, they ask, "What happens in organizations where managers are constantly on the lookout for problems?" Their research shows that three things occur. "First, [the manager] get[s] a distorted view of reality. Second, over time production declines. Third, the manager's personal credibility hits bottom." (emphasis added)

The Colorado-based Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), is one of the world's leading organizational development consultants. They give examinations, similar to APL, to evaluate managers for possible selection to high level executive positions. Recently, they conducted an in-house study of essential management qualities using an instrument called the FIRO-B. The results were that the "cold-hearted boss who cares very little about people's feelings, [performed far below] the highest performing managers [who] show[ed] more warmth and fondness toward others..."

Changing Components and Structures

The way that LAPD is managed is causing it to fail. Crime is going up. People of L.A. are very dissatisfied with

the Department as a whole. They love the officers but don't like what is going on at LAPD. Personnel resources both sworn and civilian are being depleted. The budget is stretched to a breaking point.


When Daryl Gates was chief, and the public got angry, they thought that if we only got rid of Chief Gates, all would be better. It DID NOT get better. When Willie Williams was chief, and the public got angry, they thought that if we only got rid of Willie Williams, all would be better. It DID NOT get better. Now that Bernard Parks is chief, and some of the public is getting angry, they think that if we only got rid of Chief Parks, all will be better. It WILL NOT get better BECAUSE THE LEADERSHIP FAILURES ARE SYSTEMIC FAILURES.

While the leader at the top is vitally important to the organization and sets the tone for the organization, he/she cannot do it alone. The middle management, elected and appointed officials and very importantly, the practitioners (workers) must be a part of the revitalization of the agency. To develop the new LAPD it must also include the people of the community, the ordinary person who pays taxes and wants to be kept safe. After all, that's what it is all about: *Protecting the American Way of Life.*

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This results in a huge cash cow for the LERII investigators in terms of overtime. Last week, the OIC of the LERII section made it mandatory for every investigator to work a minimum of two hours overtime every day to catch up with the backlog. This would not bother anyone at the League, since our members are making money, if it were not for the fact that the patrol officers, who are actually fighting crime, are being encouraged to pass off their arrestees to the next watch for bookings and reports to keep down their overtime.

Defense representatives reported the following case of over-investigating. A suspect in a vehicle ran from Metro. Divisional units picked up on the suspect and pursued. The suspect crashed into a pole and since he wasn't wearing his seatbelt went into the window of his vehicle with his head. He then ran on foot and was taken to the ground and wrestled into custody by several officers. Of course, he alleged excessive force. To date, over forty officers have been interviewed. The defense representatives have logged over forty hours of overtime and were told by the LERII team (four to six investigators) that they had logged well over a hundred hours of overtime. The defense representatives watched in wonder as officers who had arrived at the scene after the suspect was already in custody and had seen nothing were transported out to the scene of arrest for walk-throughs to look at a crime scene consisting of a damaged pole at an intersection and explain once again that they had not seen anything.

then transported back to the station for taped interviews about how they had not seen anything.

This same type of philosophy on an earlier date justified the response of an investigator (on overtime on a Sunday) and a photographer from SID (also on overtime) being sent out to investigate the shooting of a rattlesnake by an officer with his .22 rifle. Hopefully, the snake made a furtive move! This raises the question that if an officer goes on safari and shoots game in Africa whether the Department will fly in a LERII team to do an investigation.

What brings on this diatribe is the latest Department plan for the Critical Incident Investigation Division. A "general" section is going to be formed consisting of investigators from the OIS side and the LERII side. The general section will handle both Officer Involved Shootings and LERII investigations. This is simply the precursor to combining the whole division and completely diluting the expertise of the Officer Involved Shooting Team and expanding the Internal Affairs type investigation without the necessity of training anyone in Officer Involved Shooting investigations. Several of the leading OIS detectives are planning on retiring. The tragedy is that this is exactly what the Department wants. They can then be replaced by those with the "proper" philosophy. Expertise be damned.

If you are involved in an Officer Involved Shooting, you should hear *warning bells*. Ask the investigator who is about to interview you about his investigative experience. Your career may depend on it.

Trust is a fragile thing. The League trusted the Officer Involved Shooting

process for many years before Willie Williams disbanded the unit and sent criminal investigators out to do their job. The League responded with an attorney response to every Officer Involved Shooting with a hit. When the Consent Decree mandated the formation of the Critical Incident Investigation Division, the League responded with expanding the attorney response to every LERII investigation, or any other investigation handled by CIID.

The Rampart Independent Review Report had some telling quotations about where the Department is being mandated to go.

"The LAPD needs to give priority to criminal investigations and re-assign investigative responsibilities to the Internal Affairs Group for potentially criminal investigations."

"The Department seriously compromises criminal investigations of officer-involved shootings and major uses of force by the very way it structures these investigations: starting them after the administrative investigation has commenced, failing to ensure the Internal Affairs Group handles the criminal investigation..."

"Moreover, by failing to ensure that criminal investigations of every officer involved shooting or major use of force are conducted from the very beginning

by Internal Affairs, the LAPD seriously undermines the quality of these investigations."

The message is clear. Not enough officers are being criminally prosecuted. That means that there will be a need for prosecuting officers to convince Department critics that the proper investigation has been done. Back to good old LAPD "recap." Thus, the need to fill the CIID with those who have the proper philosophy.

It takes years of training and experience to properly handle the highly specialized field of Officer Involved Shootings. Currently, the League attorneys have a respect for the experience and expertise of the Officer Involved Shooting Team and a trust that they will be fair and impartial that results in a cooperative attitude in the investigations between our attorneys and the investigators. If Officer Involved Shooting investigations degenerate into just another Internal Affairs investigation, that trust will be lost. Confrontation will be inevitable and necessary to protect our members. Once destroyed, trust is difficult to replace. Another thing that is difficult to replace if lost, is expertise. Does the Department care?

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Each month, I hope to give you information that will make you a more informed buyer or seller of real estate and mortgage services. Real estate services can be confusing and hopefully, I can give you information to make you a more savvy consumer and save you money.

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About the author:

Tiffini R. Hughes is a licensed real estate broker and agent who specializes in law enforcement real estate service and programs. Tiffini has providing home loans and services for Law Enforcement Professionals for the past 15 years. She can be reached at (323) 222-2627. Her email address is tiffini@tiffinihughes.com. The LAPRAAC Home Loan Program was developed in 2001 and has since allowed LAPRAAC member's discounts on Home loans and Real Estate.



POLITICAL FRONTLINE



LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

By Timothy H. B. Yaryan
LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Well, the Legislature can get back to business, now that the March Primary is over. As expected, almost all incumbents running for reelection won. The biggest shocker, of course, was Bill Simon's upset of Dick Riordan, which was actively aided and abetted to the tune of almost \$10 million by Governor Gray Davis. I have been a Legislative Advocate since 1975, and I don't remember *any candidate, in any race, falling that far that fast!* Ironically, Davis may have gotten a much tougher candidate in Simon than he bargained for, although, quite bluntly, Simon now has to figure out how to credibly move to the "center" without his Republican conservative base pulling the plug on him. You can bet that Davis will spend a ton of money "helping" him by pushing Simon ever starboard! As for Riordan, he learned an expensive political lesson: don't bring a knife to a gunfight! Sometimes being the early forerunner just gives everyone else a target to shoot at.

Let me walk you through some of the new legislation that has been introduced

this session that may affect you—both the good bills we'll support, and the bad bills we'll oppose. Fortunately, that "bad" list is short, so I'll start with those first.

AB 1790 (Goldberg, D. – L.A.) and SB 1517 (Polanco, D. – L.A.) would limit application of the "three strikes" law. Goldberg's bill would essentially make it a requirement that the 3rd strike be for a "serious and violent" crime, as opposed to the current law which essentially sentences "habitual" criminals. Polanco's bill is along the same lines, but specifies certain non-violent felonies which would no longer fall under "three strikes." The main thrust of both of these bills is based on "proportionality"—that the third strike penalty is disproportionate to many of the third strike crimes committed. Yet it's hard to argue that since its enactment in 1993, three strikes hasn't been an effective deterrent to crime. The last decade's crime statistics indeed show three strikes has worked very well. The "proportionality" argument, which has existed since the inception of three strikes, is based on the

"cruel and unusual punishment" provisions of the Eighth Amendment and on the "due process" requirements of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. Every criminal sentenced under three strikes has had the opportunity for the Courts to review his or her sentence for "proportionality," and, to date, very few cases have been overturned. So the Courts, for the most part, haven't found that third strike convictions have been disproportional after reviewing these cases. The bottom line is that the public does not want to weaken the current three strikes law, and the Governor will not sign a bill to weaken three strikes!

The other "bad" bill, AB 2133 (Goldberg, D. – L.A.) would expand the criteria of the current "racial profiling" law to cover such things as "searches" and "seizures," and apply it to all California law enforcement agencies. Currently, about 70 percent of the peace officers in the state are already submitting racial profiling data, and it certainly seems premature (and expensive) to expand the racial profiling law until, at least, we've had the opportunity to review and evaluate the data currently being collected. Unfortunately, this "guilty before we can prove ourselves innocent" attitude seems to drive some of our legislators who seem to want to make a negative judgment about law enforcement well before the facts are in. To his credit, Assembly Member Marco Firebaugh dropped his racial profiling bill, AB 788, and I hope Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg will consider doing the same, or at least wait until after the Legislative Analyst has compiled and evaluated the statewide racial profiling data so that an intelligent follow-up bill can be crafted based upon data and facts, not just perceptions or stereotypes.

On the positive side, there are a number of "good" measures that we're sponsoring or co-sponsoring and many we're supporting.

One sponsored bill, AB 1917 (Matthews, D. – Stockton) would expressly provide that owners of private property cannot prohibit off duty peace officers and honorably discharged retirees from carrying firearms onto their premises. This bill originally arose out of a case involving an off duty officer attempting to carry a concealed weapon into Sea World. Of course, that was before 9/11. Today, Sea World has changed their policy on off duty officers, and hopefully we will see the anti terrorist benefits of having thousands of off duty peace officers and retirees provid-

ing added security at Sea World and other private premises. The bill also would enact enabling legislation for sworn peace officers to act as "Air Marshals" if the FAA and others approve.

We are also sponsoring AB 2742 (Pavley, D. – L.A.) a bill which would remove current limitations in the law preventing the use of state funds for video surveillance. AB 2742 will allow any funding to be used to protect police and sheriffs' stations, patrol cars, and officers personally. Given that future terrorists will likely target peace officers first, this bill seems like a timely ideal! Fran Pavley is also the author of AB 2661, another sponsored bill, which would require that anyone convicted of making or possessing a "destructive device" (aka "bomb") would have to register with law enforcement, much like a current sex offender is required to register now.

Assembly Member Dario Frommer (D – L.A.) also has several bills that we are actively behind. One bill, AB 1815, provides for the issuance of bonds to help fund the war against terrorism. These bonds will be like war bonds—or savings bonds—which investors can purchase and which will provide funding for public safety training and equipment. A parallel bill, SB 1350, by Senator Bruce McPherson (R – Santa Cruz) would set up statewide training for all first responders to deal with terrorist attacks.

Another bill by Assembly Member Frommer, AB 2846, would require notice and a hearing if the Department chooses to prohibit the wearing of pins or emblems containing the American flag.

Finally—and I haven't covered all the bills we're backing (I'll finish the list next time)—I'd like to commend Assembly Members George Runner and Tony Cardenas for introducing ACR 143, a resolution commemorating September 11th as "Public Safety Appreciation Day." Normally, I don't get too worked up about a resolution. However, I was recently watching a television special with Coach John Wooden on his values and philosophy. When asked how he motivated his championship teams, Coach Wooden responded that he got all the effort he needed from his players with a kind word and pat on the back. So, thank you, Mr. Runner and Mr. Cardenas, for your resolution of appreciation. It makes the tough job of law enforcement just a little easier!

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We think it extremely important that there be no misunderstandings, offended feelings or animosities among friends and allies.

Let us know if you would like a further gesture.

Best regards,

Arthur

To the Board of Directors
Los Angeles Police Protective League
1308 S. Eighth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Subject: D.A.R.E. Officer Complaint, Our Report of Feb. 14, 2002

Dear Directors and League Members:
Late last Friday afternoon we were informed that several LAPD officers, assigned to DARE, took offense to the treatment of that unit in one paragraph of our 17-page research report of February 14, 2002, regarding Community Policing and crime rates in Los Angeles and in the United States. On page 7 of that report we referred to several well-known studies of the DARE program, including the University of Kentucky monitoring and the 2001 conclusions of the U.S. Surgeon General.

If DARE were a leading component in a well-coordinated, comprehensive overall program of community policing, it would give its officers two important benefits now lacking:

Recognition of achievements and encouragement of innovations; and

A partnership voice in improving and renovating the DARE program on a continuing basis.

After many years of continuous operation, nearly any program will be due for inspection and possible modernization. That process normally involves cost-effective analysis and measurement of program impact. We certainly did not and do not advocate curtailment of DARE. If anything, we are staunch advocates of effecting improvement through industrial democracy: Give the

First, we would like to make clear that our brief mention of DARE and our citation of pertinent studies most certainly did not denigrate or belittle the dedication and hard work of the officers involved. Our point is that Chief Bernard C. Parks frequently and self-servingly takes credit for community policing programs that he did not initiate, including DARE. However, DARE started up operations some 18 years ago. For his part, Parks has been the fiercest opponent of specialized units and of real community policing partnerships generally, except when claiming credit for others' efforts.

rank-and-file officers a greater voice in determining how the program would operate best.

As to the pending reduction in assignments, we were consulted neither by the Mayor of Los Angeles nor by the Police Commission. Our understanding of their position, limited to media accounts, is that the present manpower/crime rate crisis requires urgent redeployment to patrol of as many officers as possible.

Obviously, we take the DARE officers' perceptions very seriously because we respect their hard work and their valor in confronting a most frustrating and seemingly intractable social challenge. At the same time, we are concerned that they would take the LAPPL to task for the contents of our study.

Please bear in mind that we must rapidly address a wide variety of complex issues that have arisen over the past four-and-one-half years of Chief Parks' failed leadership. This is a very difficult task to which we strive to bring empirical evidence and documentation. It would be miraculous indeed if we could produce provocative and lengthy studies while offending no readers.

Also, kindly note that our reference to

"window dressing" is not specifically directed at DARE, but rather at Chief Parks' exploitation of LAPD officers and their sincere efforts to produce effective programs. In that cynical approach, Parks has managed to suffocate a number of programs that, properly nurtured and improved, would produce far more dramatic results. DARE is one program in that category.

Finally, the LAPPL merits our appreciation and wholehearted support for their protection of officers' welfare and interests, especially in the present emotionally-laden debacle over Chief Parks. If a misunderstanding has arisen in the interpretation of a passage in one of our studies, we will be glad to rectify it. In no event should LAPPL be held accountable for the wording.

In the hopes that this letter has helped clarify the matter, we remain

With best regards,
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To all the crossword puzzle enthusiasts:

I am sure by now you have discovered that there were a few mistakes in last month's crossword puzzle. Here, in a nutshell is what happened. I sent in the first copy and then discovered a couple misspelled words. When you are the only person looking at your work you occasionally tend to miss stuff like that. Anyway, I corrected the copy and re-sent it to the *Blue Line* in a last minute rush. Once it got to the *Blue Line*, there was some kind of mix-up with the first copy and the corrected copy. The clues that were published were correct but the puzzle blank and answers were wrong. I apologize for the confusion and will strive to give you quality puzzles in the future.

- Willie Mann

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A Police Funeral

David C. Stolinsky
Friday, Feb. 22, 2002

Some time ago, the front page of a leading newspaper showed the tragic photo of seven-year-old Dylan Brown saluting at the funeral of his father, Los Angeles Police Officer Brian Brown. The 27-year-old single father had been shot to death while apprehending two drive-by-shooting suspects, one of whom was later killed by police.

The officer had been a Marine in Somalia, where he was wounded protecting his comrades. He survived Somalia but not Los Angeles.

Next morning, a talk show was aired. Surprisingly, most callers criticized the paper for printing the photo. They felt that the boy was "exploited" or "manipulated," though the photo was taken with the grandparents' permission.

One caller complained that relatives had coached the boy to act like a "little Marine," which the caller obviously found repugnant.

Callers recognized that the boy's grief was real and that he was the most genuine person there, yet they objected to the photo. Why? There are several possible reasons:

First, there is a reservoir of hostility toward police.

Some of this hostility may be deserved. Racial profiling and abusive conduct by police are realities. But as the Rodney King affair showed, the media often present the police in the worst possible light. The part of the videotape that showed the officers beating King was shown on TV literally hundreds of times.

But the earlier portion that showed King lunging at the officers was shown only at the live TV coverage of their trial. Had I not been home that day, I never would have seen it. Even well-informed persons were unaware the early part of the tape existed. Some of the 52 deaths and the billions in damage caused by the

Los Angeles riot may have resulted from this selective reporting.

Of course, the media would never recognize their responsibility. Their concept of freedom of the press is a right unattached to any responsibility. The idea that rights can exist free of any accompanying responsibilities is a common but dangerous fallacy.

Rights cannot exist in a vacuum. They must be exercised judiciously, or, like muscles, they wither away. Those who expect to enjoy freedom of the press, or any freedom, without responsibility are deceiving themselves.

But whether hostility toward the police is based on media images or personal experience, it should be expressed toward the individuals involved, not toward police in general, and certainly not toward officers killed in the line of duty.

Blaming a whole group for the misdeeds of a few individuals is the essence of prejudice. This is true whether the group is defined by skin color or blue uniforms. Pointing out wrongdoers and trying to right the wrongs is one thing; blaming entire groups is quite another.

Second, there is a reluctance to make moral judgments, so

that it becomes difficult to distinguish between a police officer who is murdered defending innocent citizens and a drive-by shooter who is killed by police. One caller went so far as to mention a man on death row in another state for killing a police officer, adding that we should not mourn dead officers until we secure this convict's release.

Even assuming this man is innocent, what is the connection? This recalls the argument of Alan Dershowitz before the House Judiciary Committee, in which he maintained that we should not punish Bill Clinton for perjury unless we also punish all the police officers who, he claimed, lie in court throughout the nation.

That is, we need not feel sorrow for one who dies, or anger at one who lies, unless we do so for all those deserving of sorrow or anger everywhere in the nation. We are absolved from doing anything anywhere, because we are unable to do everything everywhere. How convenient for the lazy and indifferent. But how destructive for a free nation.

Another caller stated that the slain officer was no more deserving of honor than those killed by police—apparently including one of the suspects who had murdered the officer. This caller was unable to distinguish between a public servant who dies trying to protect innocent people, and a criminal who dies trying to kill innocent people.

The caller had been given his moral compass at home, at school or in church. Parents, teachers and clergy who hand out broken moral compasses are beneath contempt.

Third, many of us are unwilling to accept responsibility.

No one calls talk shows to object to photos of relatives grieving for victims of crimes. These mourners represent tragedies that we feel are not our responsibility.

But officers die defending us. Watching news clips of funerals of police officers—while we munch snacks safe at home—may produce guilt feelings. After all, we are safe in our homes precisely because these people are willing to risk their lives for us.

In some, this guilt evokes sympathy for the mourners and for police in general. In others, it evokes anti-police sentiments. The easiest way to remove guilt feelings on seeing police funerals is to turn our backs and criticize police.

This obviates any need to pass stronger laws, or provide more police or better equipment, or even to change our anti-police attitudes. Or course, since no one is perfect, this type of thinking removes any need to feel sad about the suffering of anyone anywhere.

Specifically, we need not feel guilty for tolerating the system that had released this officer's murderer after only a few years in prison, where he was sent for shooting a 14-year-old in the head and leaving him for dead. That this violent criminal was turned loose on innocent people is a disgrace for which we are all jointly responsible.

Lawyers tell us that it is better that 99 guilty persons go free than that one innocent person is convicted. This might be true if the 99 guilty persons went free on Pluto. But the revolving door of the justice system opens onto our planet.

However, the revolving door does not necessarily open onto our street. Most violent criminals are not released into upscale neighborhoods or suburbs where lawyers, judges and politicians tend to live. No, they are released into neighborhoods where many poor people and minorities live.

Of course, we feel no responsibility for that as well. We tolerate the system, then denigrate the cops who must clean up the mess the system leaves. Those who produce large amounts of trash are in no position to look down on garbage collectors.

In short, we release violent criminals into areas where the underprivileged live, then congratulate ourselves for being "humanitarians." This is similar to dumping my garbage in front of a poor

person's house, then calling myself an "environmentalist."

There may be a fourth reason we are uncomfortable with the photo of the boy saluting his father's coffin. We are so inundated with phony emotion that we become uneasy when we are confronted by genuine feelings.

Interview shows on TV provide an endless procession of self-proclaimed victims. Politicians profess outrage, pretend sympathy, quiver their lips in mock grief, and bow their heads in feigned contrition. But we remain unaffected because we sense they are faking.

Similarly, when Bill Clinton prayed with clergy in the White House or was photographed carrying an enormous Bible, even the staunchest advocates of church-state separation did not object because they suspected he wasn't serious.

But let one grief-stricken, courageous little boy confront us, and we are distressed by his genuine emotion. We have become adept at feigning the outward signs of emotion, but we often lack the depth and commitment of real emotion, and when we see it we grow uneasy.

There is an old saying that still waters run deep. The reverse is also true—noisy waters tend to be shallow. We are confusing the readiness to weep and bare our secrets in front of a TV camera with real emotion, which is often too deep to express easily.

Fifth, since the 1960s we have systematically undermined all sources of moral authority parents, teachers, Scout leaders, clergy, the Bible, and God Himself. The cop on the beat is the local representative of the authority we reject. Of course he is resented. He is a visible reminder of what we are doing wrong—a reproach, if you will.

But eventually, reality intrudes into our pleasant fantasies. Regardless of real or imagined misdeeds, police are absolutely necessary for any society to survive. Moral judgments are necessary if we wish to behave morally. Taking responsibility is what free people must do if they hope to remain free. Recognizing genuine emotion is the only way to protect ourselves from fakers who try to take advantage of us. Accepting rules is the price of civilization.

Despite the criticism, the paper should be proud of its decision to print the photo of the little boy saluting his father's coffin. Perhaps it reminded us of what we should have known all along—that freedom has a price, one that was paid by Officer Brown, and is being paid by his son.

Perhaps, if we recall the price, we may value the freedom more highly. That would indeed be a fitting memorial for the fallen officer.

[NOTE: To find the photo referred to, go to <http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/latimes> and search for "Dylan Brown" and "Brian Brown" from Dec. 1 to 31, 1998.]

Dr. Stolinsky is retired after 25 years of teaching in medical school. He writes from Los Angeles on political and social issues.

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Court Appointed Monitor Orders City of Los Angeles to Comply with LaLey Consent Decree

Los Angeles, Calif. (February 21, 2002)—The Latin American Law Enforcement Association ("LaLey") announced that the Honorable Ralph B. Dash, Administrative Law Judge, Court-Appointed Monitor, has ruled in favor of LaLey's Motion for Relief under the Consent Decree in the case of *Hunter/LaLey, et al. v. City of Los Angeles*. Judge Dash's ruling has not been appealed by the city of Los Angeles, and has not been implemented. The court's order requires the city of Los Angeles to take certain steps to bring itself into full compliance with the LaLey Consent Decree. The order also requires the city to pay LaLey's attorney's fees and the costs of the court-

appointed monitor.

The LaLey Consent Decree arose from complaints filed by LaLey and other parties beginning in 1990 alleging that the training and promotion policies and practices of the Los Angeles Police Department unfairly discriminated against Latinos, African-Americans and other minorities. The Consent Decree established a mechanism to remedy past discriminatory promotion practices and to provide mentoring and training to assist with the promotion of minority and other police officers to the management ranks.

Commenting on the court's ruling, LaLey President Detective Art Placencia stated, "We are pleased that Judge Dash

ruled in our favor and that the city has not yet chosen to appeal to the judge's ruling. It is clear the city and the LAPD have not fully implemented the Consent Decree. Latino officers account for more than one third of the LAPD, yet they continue to be woefully underrepresented in the Department's senior management ranks. By forcing us to take legal action, the city and the LAPD waste taxpayers' funds and demonstrate their lack of good faith." Detective Placencia added, "Frankly, we are very disappointed that the Department chose to ignore the requirements of the Consent Decree with respect to Latino officers. We had expected that the Department would actively support and implement the LaLey Consent Decree, but it has not done so. It is not lost on us that Latinos, who were the driving force in securing the Consent Decree, have benefited the least from it under the prior and current administrations." Detective Placencia

concluded, "In light of this ruling and the message it sends, we call on the Chief of Police and the city to affirmatively and actively follow through with implementation of the Consent Decree."

Established in 1968, LaLey was formed by a group of LAPD Latino officers that wanted to create an association committed to promoting the advancement of Latinos in the LAPD. LaLey is a volunteer association, with its success resting on the commitment of its members and supporters. Today LaLey is one of the most prominent associations within LAPD. LaLey's mission is founded on simple commitments—mentoring and assisting others within the LAPD promotional process and service and advocacy within the community.

For more information on LaLey, please visit the organization's Web site at www.laley.org, or request information from LaLey's offices at 213-383-1332.

The Latin American Law Enforcement Association Announces Support for Mayor James Hahn's Opposition to the Reappointment of Chief Bernard Parks

Los Angeles, CA, March 11, 2002—The Latin American Law Enforcement Association ("LaLey") announced its support for Mayor James Hahn's decision to oppose Bernard Parks' bid for a second term as Los Angeles' Chief of Police. The organization stated that it carefully considered Chief Parks' record, his relationship with the men and women who serve under him, his standing in the community and the Mayor's position in this matter, and concluded that the interests of the LAPD and the city would be served best by a change in leadership.

LaLey President Det. Art Placencia stated, "We give credit where credit is due. Chief Parks came into a situation that was less than ideal and he was able to accomplish much for the benefit of the LAPD and this city. We believe, however, that the time is right for him to step down and for another person to lead the LAPD into the 21st century. It comes down to leadership, and we do not believe that Chief Parks can lead this Department gong forward."

LaLey cited numerous issues with the Chief's performance: his failure to implement the federal consent decree and the LaLey/Hunter Consent Decree; his failure to root out and correct the problems that plagued the LAPD under prior administrations; his refusal to adopt the compressed work schedule; his lack of support for community policing and the senior lead officer program; and a general lack of respect and consideration for the Department's rank and file. Commenting further, Det. Placencia stated, "We are very disappointed with

the lack of progress for our members under Chief Park's tenure. We had expected that he would actively support and implement the LaLey Consent Decree, but he did not do so. Although there are over 3,000 Latinos in the LAPD (1/3 of the Department's strength), we did not see a meaningful increase in the number of Latinos in the senior command staff, and we do not see any indications that it will increase under Chief Parks' administration.

Det. Placencia continued, "Our issues with Chief Parks, however, are not only about Latinos. Chief Parks has not kept faith with the men and women who serve under him. He has chosen to ignore their legitimate grievances and has alienated the majority of officers who proudly serve this City and its residents. The results of his failed policies are evident in his handling of the Rampart situation, the lack of improvement in policing of underserved areas such as East L.A., the fight of talented younger officers to other law enforcement agencies, the lack of retention of experienced senior officers, an inequitable disciplinary system and the inability of the Department to recruit new officers. This may result in a loss of substantial federal funds at a time when those funds are desperately needed to ensure an uninterrupted high level of service to the residents of our City."

Det. Placencia concluded, "We appreciate and commend Chief Parks' willingness to continue serving this City and recognize his accomplishments. We respectfully ask the Chief to consider that he no longer has the confidence and

support of the majority of the officers who work for him and now are looking to the Mayor for the implementation of their concerns. This has critically impaired his ability to effectively lead the LAPD during a second term. We also respectfully ask the Chief to consider that his bid for reappointment is not in the best interests of the Department and the City of Los Angeles, and we ask him to work with the Police Commission and the community to ensure a smooth transition of leadership."

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ment of Latinos in the LAPD. LaLey is a volunteer association committed to its goals and advocacy for its membership. Today LaLey is one of the most prominent associations within LAPD advocating on behalf of over 1/3 of the Department's officers. LaLey's mission is founded on simple commitments—mentoring and assisting others within the LAPD promotional process and service and advocacy within the community.

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Everyone is welcome to attend; no tickets are required. For more information, see below or call 202-737-3400.

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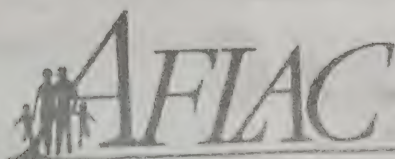
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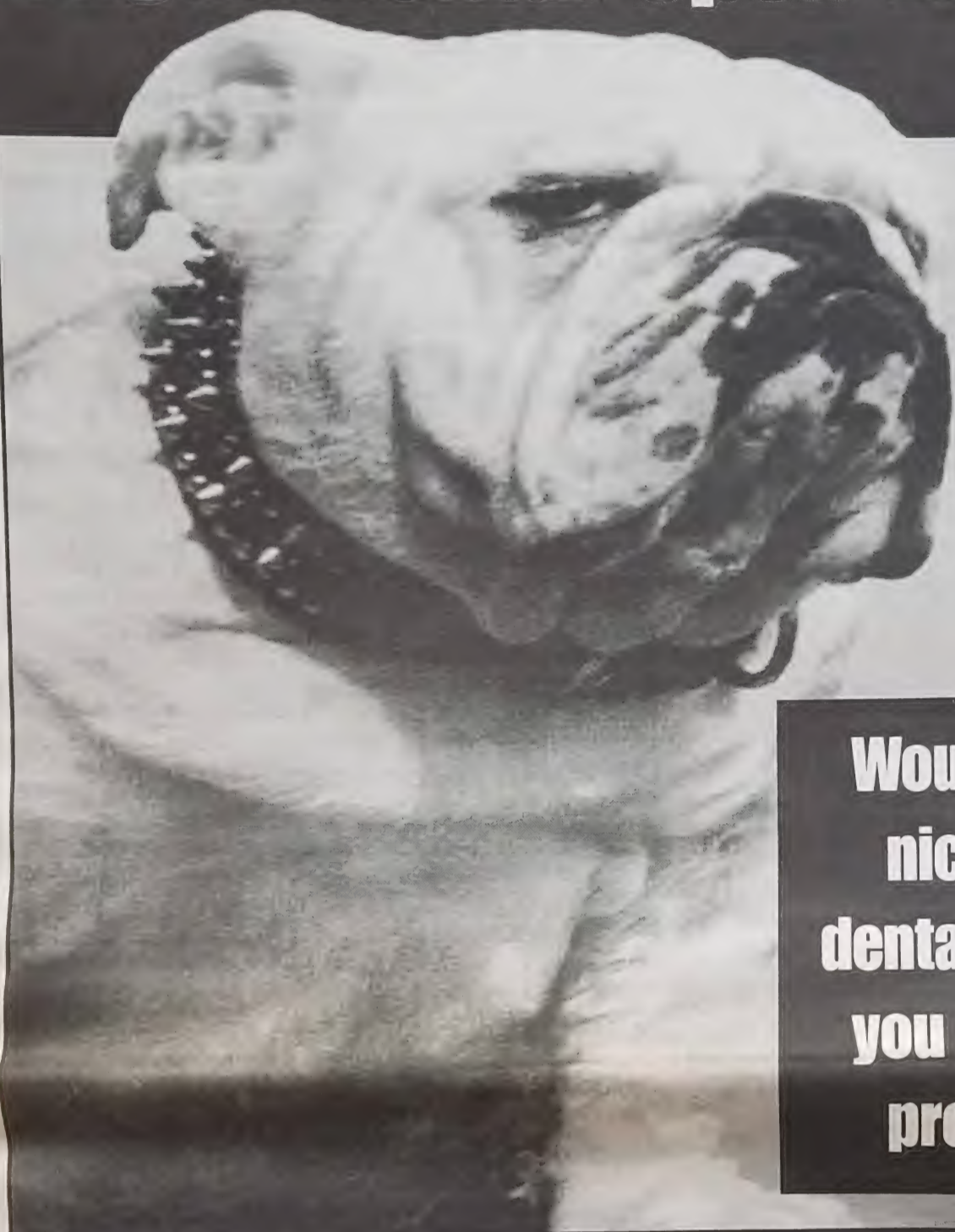
**Barbara P. Newman
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February 6, 2002

Barbara Newman Productions, a nationally-recognized, award-winning documentary production company, is currently in production on a two-hour documentary on the history of the LAPD, entitled "True Stories of the LAPD." This documentary was commissioned by the History Channel and will be aired in the fall. Barbara Newman Productions is familiar with law enforcement. Last year the company produced a two-hour history of the NYPD, which received high praise from both critics and members of the NYPD alike and was nominated for Emmy consideration. The producers of the show have already met with Chief Parks and several other members of the department and are receiving full support from them in this endeavor.

"True Stories of the LAPD" will focus on the vibrant and unique history of the LAPD, from the inception of the first police force in 1853 to modern day policing techniques as seen through the eyes of the LAPD, itself. To this end, Barbara Newman Productions is asking for any artifacts, photos or interesting stories that officers may have concerning the history of the police department. Anyone with information is asked to contact their associate producer, Maurice Patrykus at (213) 850-6553 or contact Barbara Newman Productions directly at (202) 362-6946.

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77th All★ American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

Tradition (heritage, custom, culture, belief and attitude) vs. *change* (modification, alteration, shift, variation, movement, transformation, mutation, turn).

Okay here we go. Yes, the rumors are true, the 77th Street Roll Call Room has seen some "change" in the setup of seating arrangements. Our tables and chairs are placed in a horseshoe configuration, so that we can look at each other during roll call and see the face of everyone present. We have been told that to look at the back of one's head during roll call is "disrespectful." It gets better. Probationary Officers are told that they *should* sit next to their training officers during roll call (whew!) so that we can be of assistance to them *during* roll call.

The *traditionally* known "backbone" of this division, "patrol (officers)" have expressed their concern and to date it remains noted. At times the roll call room seems to find its way back to the "traditional" seating arrangement. No one knows how it happens, we just kinda figure there is someone looking out for us. After all, this roll call room is located in our "hall of memories." Officers who have been killed in the line of duty at 77th are remembered here with photos

and memorials. They are a part of the *tradition* that makes 77th Street. Maybe *tradition* is not such a bad thing after all.

"Unsung Hero" of the Morning Watch

That is what one supervisor called Officer **Merle Raymond**, #16528, in one of his ratings. Merle joined the department on November 30, 1970. And with the exception of a couple of loans, he completed his entire career as a 77th Street Patrol Officer. In 1984, Merle was loaned to Air Support Division for the Olympic games and in 1989 he was loaned to the Robbery table in Detectives. Merle favored the morning



watch at 77th, and this is where you would usually find him. Patrol, Desk, Kit Room and the Guard Shack. Merle did it all! Wherever he was needed is where you would find him. Merle is a part of the "old school," and his stories bring back the "tradition" that makes 77th Street.

Merle is also known as the Christmas party winner of all raffles! For years his last roll call the (3/12) morning



Officer Merle Raymond #16528 aka "Grandpa"

watch honored him with various presentations. As tradition would have it, Merle sat in the back row with the rest of the senior patrol officers until he was called forward to the front of the roll call room. Merle's thank you speech centered around being a "divisional family." Being there for each other during good and bad times. Caring about and respecting those that work with you and remembering the tradition.

Nice job, Merle! Enjoy your retirement. May those retirement checks be forever coming! When you visit, we would all love to meet your new partner, "Brandon Kyle Foy."

A 77th Reunion

Are you a part of the "tradition" that makes up the history of 77th Street? If the answer is yes, then you need to be at the Harbor Range (2981 N. Gaffey Street, San Pedro) on Friday, June 28, 2002.

Our 77th Street Training Unit is organizing this event which kicks off at 1500 hours. The price is \$20

per person in advance and \$30 at the door. Make checks payable to: 77th Street Station Fund, and mail your reservation to: P.O. Box 7976, La Verne, CA 91750.

Need further...call (323) 753-4423 and ask for Sgt. **Mike Pytel** or Officer **Paul Clements**. We look forward to seeing you! You are the *heritage* that we respect, you gave us our *customs* and *culture*, you *believed* in us and you taught us that a little bit of *attitude* allows us to go home at E.O.W.! Thank you!

Stay safe and no matter what, remember that *tradition* begins with you!

now, it is either him or his wife (Mina) who win the grand prize at our parties. We had a plan at the last Christmas party to take his tickets out of the raffle for this last time, but we buckled and lo and behold...they won!

The biggest prize that we shared with Merle was the birth of his grandson, Brandon! A proud grandfather is he! For those of us who have known him forever, it was indeed the best promotion he could have ever received. Funny how these blessed events bring life into a more meaningful perspective. Years of being a cop versus years of being a grandfather...

In February, Merle decided to be a

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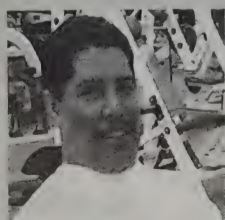
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by Susan Loera
Northeast Division

Commendable Capers

On February 19, 2002, Officer **Luis Gasca** and Officer **Jay Nam** observed a Honda Civic at Monte Vista and Avenue 50. The driver did not appear to be familiar with driving a manual transmission vehicle, stalling the vehicle and losing control, nearly causing a collision with another vehicle. The officers, highly aware of the FASTRAC problems in the area, determined that this was unusual as well as suspicious. Due to the eminent danger to the citizens, the officers activated their emergency lights and siren. The driver failed to yield and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit continued on the Pasadena Freeway's winding roads. The vehicle collided with the center divider of the freeway. Two males quickly exited the vehicle, fleeing in opposite directions. The driver ran across the lanes of oncoming traffic and the passenger was quickly taken into custody. Air 11, Officer **Campos** and Officer **Doherty**, was over the pursuit. They monitored the driver suspect as he had run across the freeway. The suspect jumped over the side of the freeway, landing on his feet after a 30-foot drop. The air unit officers informed the ground officers of the suspect's location. Officers deployed to the suspect's location and took him into custody. The suspect had sustained numerous injuries from his leap. During the incident the R/O of the vehicle was phoning Northeast station to report the vehicle stolen. Due to the officers' keen obser-

vation skills and knowledge of the crime in the community, the problem solving skills of this officer is commended.

On February 25, 2002, PSR **Legarda** was working the Northeast ACC. She received a call informing her of a welfare check. Due to the information given, Legarda quickly informed Officer **Rivas**. Rivas responded to the residence, yet was unable to make contact or entry due to iron bars on all the windows and doors. Sgt. **Staats** met Officer Rivas at the location. Due to the information they received, the decision was made to force entry. The Fire Department was notified to stand by. After entering the location, Officer Rivas and Sgt. Staats located a woman inside the bedroom. She was wedged between a bed and a wall. She was alive yet in serious condition. She had been left in the house for approximately nine days, without food, water or medical treatment, needing mandatory dialysis treatment. Due to the quick actions of all involved, the woman received the medical care that possibly saved her life, preventing a needless death.

Sports

The Northeast Basketball team led by Sgt. **Archuletta** and Officer **Pallares** has stunned us all. Not only did the team win the championship, they won each and every game, 12-0. They were undefeated throughout the season. Now for the playoffs. Congratulations to all the team players and for all the dedication and hard work you put into the games. **Keith Luong** is leading the team with his three point shots.

Baker to Vegas is just around the corner. (Maybe we can have the basketball team to run for us so we can mug again.) Our team does look well this year. **Art Sandoval** and **Jose Carrillo** have put together many team runs, bringing the team together as one. Good luck out there and have fun!

CRO

The Northeast Community Relations Office Explorers were planning on going

on a trip. They put together many fundraisers to raise the money. After they raised the money they decided to use the money for a more valuable cause. They pulled out a large amount of the cash and purchased ballistic vests for the LAPD K-9s. This was a very unselfish act for children of a low-income area. Officer **Caraveo** and Officer **Mobasser** are very proud of the NOE Explorers, as we all are. Thanks, kids!

Coming and Going

Coming to Northeast from Labor Relations is Sgt. **A. Rea**, Sgt. **Lisa Phillips** is returning to Northeast from Foothill, and Det. **R. Mendoza** from Wilshire. From Communications are Officers **Edwards**, **Origel**, and **Righey**. Officer **Figueroa** out of the "great Southwest" and Officer **Salcedo** from Van Nuys are also joining us. Welcome to Northeast (get your AFLAC now!)

Abandoning us is Sgt. **O. Munoz** to CTD, Det. **King** to Van Nuys and Officer **Scoggins** to West L.A. Goodbye and good luck to you all.

A Message from David Gomez

"I write this with a sad heart. My beloved wife of 14 years has gone with Jesus. She fought her illness to the very end. On Sunday, January 13, 2002, she was summoned to Heaven to stand before our Lord God. She leaves behind our two beautiful girls, Victoria, age 13, and Amanda, age 7. Anita would have turned 37 on February 24th. She was a devoted housewife. Caring for her family was her number one priority. I thank

all of you for your kind support and love that you have shown us. You have helped us through this time of great need. I will miss my best friend, the mother of my children, my beautiful wife, the love of my life. She walks with Jesus now and I will never forget her. We will be together again one day after my work is done here on earth. Then I too will get to walk with Jesus and once again with Anita."

David, always remember you're not alone in raising the girls. Anita is now your guardian angel during your trials and errors as a parent, and all your brothers and sisters at Northeast are standing on the sidelines waiting for you to call



Anita Irene Gomez, born February 24, 1965, departed January 13, 2002.

on us. You are brave and strong and your daughters are very lucky to have you to raise them.

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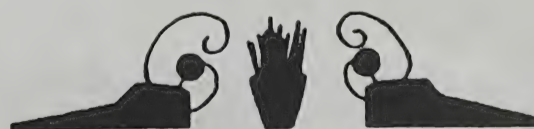
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RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION

by Sherri Egan
Risk Management Division

Risk Management Division would like to bid farewell to our former Commanding Officer, Captain III **Lee Carter** and congratulate him on his promotion to Commander as he moves on to Central Bureau. Best of luck to you, sir. Welcome to our newcomers, Deputy Chief **Dave Doan**, Commander **Betty Kelepecz**, Captain **Kevin McCarthy**, Lt. **Diane Burns** and Detectives **Arcie Dominguez** and **Conrad Torres**.

A long list of congratulations is in order for the personnel of RMG. Longtimers Senior MA1 **Dawn Eck** with 15 years, P.O. 3+1 **Sal Piscopo** with 30 years and P.O. 3+1 **Lawrence Wulterin**, #16472, who after 32 years of service has pulled the plug and will be celebrating "life after."

A very special congratulations is in

order for P.O. 3+1 **Jennifer Varela**, #30927, who graduated from Loyola Law School on May, 2001. Jennifer took the California Bar exam in July, 2001, and was sworn in as an attorney on December 4, 2001. Great job, Jennifer!

Professional Resource for Officer Assistance in Civil Trial, PROACT, is a comprehensive eight-hour POST certified workshop that was developed to assist officers and their families through the civil litigation process. The PROACT workshop is available on a quarterly basis for officers who are either named in a civil lawsuit or interested in learning about how to survive the civil litigation process. It includes presentations by subject matter experts in the areas of psychological processes, employee assistance programs, financial planning and police civil litigation, including a panel of litigation survivors, comprised of sworn personnel who share their experiences and insights. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Risk Management Division Training Unit at 213-847-6832.

Farewell to the newly promoted Officer **Robert Lait** who made Detective and Officer **Steve Norkus** who was promoted to Sergeant.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Joy Smith
Rampart Division

Hey, Rampart is back in the *Blue Line*. We took some time off. We as officers called the break, "Vacation, in conjunction with bonding time, and then some sort of I.O.D.?"

Rampart is looking for a few highly motivated young police officers. We are one of the smallest divisions in the city, with a large population of citizens in need of police service. The officers that work in Rampart are hard working, highly productive and passionate about their position as Los Angeles Police Officers. Rampart is one of the few divisions in the city that can boast the camaraderie

within these station walls runs hard and deep. If you think you know what it means to be a Los Angeles Police Officer, you obviously already work in Rampart. If not, then get on the transfer and experience greatness.

Rampart recently changed over to the compressed work schedule. So far, the coppers enjoy the freedom of the schedule. It seems that the work has not stopped, but the time off is very well spent with family and friends. Without the help of our immediate supervision, namely Lt. **Perez** and Sgt. **Torrance**, Days, Lt. **Penna** and Sgt. **Daly**, P.M.s, and Lt. **Baltad**, Mornings, the transition would not have been as smooth. Thanks all for your help and support.

Rampart has put a Baker-to-Vegas team together. We are a station team. No mixed team here. All for one and one for all. Although Cowboy is our fastest runner again this year, Sgt. **Coyle** is definitely giving him a run for his money. Watch out, Cowboy, a girl is on your coattails this year. All the runners are in place and with the assistance of **Mariana** and Sgt. **Gonzales**, Rampart should have a good showing for this

year's race. Considering the events of 9-11, I don't see any losers at all and look forward to meeting and cheering for the teams from N.Y.

Every payday, Rampart will be sponsoring some type of barbecue to assist with our Baker-to-Vegas costs. The barbecues will include either a breakfast or lunch type theme. Please call our front desk at 485-4061 for the menu and times on payday if you would like to drop by. All are welcome and we look forward to meeting any of our competition. I think we can find *extra* for your plates...

Rampart Division would like to congratulate and welcome our new Patrol Captain, **Tom Runyen**, to the finest division in the city. Capt. Runyen comes to Rampart with an extensive rap sheet, which includes first and foremost time spent as a United States Marine. Capt. Runyen comes to Rampart from continuing education and prior to that job, Capt. Runyen was running 77th Division Detectives and support. Capt. Runyen did spend a portion of his career in SWAT, and I expect that there will be a drastic reduction in crime at Rampart due to this fact alone. Welcome, Sir.

With the word of a new Captain, Rampart Division would like to wish Commander **Moore** all the luck in the world with his promotion to Commander

from Rampart Division as our Patrol Captain. The Valley Bureau is Commander Moore's new home. Best of luck, Sir.

Rampart Division has a few officers serving in the armed forces for the country. During this time, don't forget these officers and their families. Many have young children and need our support. Rampart has had a specific supervisor dress in holiday costume and each family with presents. There can be no better example of leadership than the small expression. Big picture, no matter where you work, you have brothers and sisters on this job and around you. Please support each other. We are all we have.

Rampart has had far too many babies and births to announce them all, and now that we are on the compressed work schedule, I have the distinct impression that we will have many more. Congratulations to all the new moms and dads and all the new mini-me's.

Hi's and byes to all those who have walked through these hallowed walls. If you have promoted from Rampart, we know you will return. Welcome to all the new faces from P-1s to sergeants. So, Coppers, for now be safe, and as my dad always tells me, "Watch your top notch out there!"



by Tom Fox
Central Traffic

Dino's Burgers, Hollenbeck area, will be enshrining his seat and coffee cup. The daily community meetings will not



CTD welcomes Sgt. **Oscar Munoz**, #23080. Sgt. Munoz comes to CTD from NOE Division.

Sgt. **Art Jones**, #27937, leaves CTD for STD. Good luck, you'll be missed by your team.

CTD Reserves, Sgt. **Lockett**, **Ray Bergeron** and the City of L.A. DOT Bandit Taxi Detail conducted their monthly bandit taxi detail in Rampart and Central Divisions. Seven arrests were made for 71.02(b) LAMC. Two had no licenses and warrants, one was DUI.

Good job, guys and gals.

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Ins & Outs of CTD

Sgt. **Michael Garvey**, #21466, retired after 26 years of service to the city of Los Angeles. Mike Garvey was appointed to the department August 4, 1975. His assignments were Central, Hollenbeck, CTD, WTD and 77th Divisions. Sgt. Garvey worked as a motor officer for 12 years. He was promoted to sergeant in 1995.

have the same enthusiasm and commitment.

Tony Hale decided it's not the time to leave the department. You'll see Tony back at his regular job. Welcome back, Tony.

CTD welcomes **Sandy Carlisle**, #26108. Sandy will be working the photo Red Light Desk.

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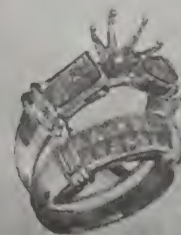
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by Trey Baskett
Hollywood Division

I don't know what's going on up in Hollywood Vice, but there seems to be a population explosion. On February 18, 2002, at 1205 hours, PIII Anthony Otero and his wife, Araceli welcomed Amada Ariana into the world. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 19 inches. A keeper! Not to be outdone, Stefanie Fryer went into labor and delivered Jacqueline Grace at 0025 hours on February 28. Jacqueline tipped the scales at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was taped at 20 inches. Stefanie's husband, Matt Fryer, works Foothill. Congrats! You'll remember Pablo Vitar and his wife had a baby last month and as I write this we are on baby watch for yet another vice copper. If you want to grow a family, maybe you should put in for a short-term loan. See Lt. Shields in the Planned Parenthood office.



Jacqueline Grace Fryer. Born on February 28, 2002 at 0025 hours, 8.1 lbs., 20" long. Mom is Stephanie Fryer, Hollywood Vice, and Dad is Mathew Fryer, Foothill Patrol.

And Me Without My Swimsuit

The names have not been changed to protect the innocent. Jim Parker coordinates a great bunch of Reserves here at Hollywood area. They work regularly and are great at taking the load off patrol

from time to time. One cold night last fall Reserve Officers Aram Khatchaturian, AKA "Khatch," and Jon Seltzer responded to a residential Code 30 up on Gardner Street. On arrival, seeing no sign the owners were home, the officers went to the backyard to check the perimeter. Khatch, a master at cover and concealment, moved into the shadows to avoid detection by any 459 suspects lurking in the area. Being the dedicated officer that he is, Khatchaturian tactically "fell" into a nearby Jacuzzi. It appears Jacuzzis are quite good at cover and concealment too. Officer Seltzer ran to his partner's aid but in retrospect stated, "I never have a camera when I need one!"

Ins, Ups and Outs

D1 Stirwalt moves to NHWD, P2 Rumenapp wheels to FTHL, and P2 Hennington heads to PAC. P2 Santos goes to RAMP and P2 Rodriguez heads to TRD. P1 (plus six) John Monarek rejoined the LAPD last DP after three years with DOJ BNE doing some gnarly work eliminating clandestine meth labs. John and I were class 9/95 so he's not really a boot, but I still have a lower serial number than he does.

Commendable Caper

On January 17, 2002, Hollywood Vice conducted an impromptu trick task force on the corner of Ogden Drive and Sunset Blvd. It did not take long for a male player to contact undercover Officer Suzanne Reed and solicit her for sex in exchange for money. The suspect was driving a pick-up with an extended cab. Officer Reed directed the suspect north on Ogden. She then gave her cover team a pre-arranged signal indicating the man was good to go. As the suspect waited patiently for his "date," Officers Estrella and Zboravan in a black and white pulled in behind him and activated their lights. The driver was called out and taken into custody but insisted he be allowed to retrieve his license from the vehicle. Officer Zboravan refused. As Officer Estrella opened the passenger side door to clear the vehicle, he and Zboravan noticed a pair of eyes looking back at them from the rear of the cab. The officers were keenly aware the driver and vehicle resembled the profile of an active kidnap/rape suspect prowling

the Hollywood area. Both officers quickly drew their weapons believing the concealed suspect posed a threat. Surrounding cover officers Ashley, Bezak, Furmanski, Meisner, Otero, Winger, Acosta, Butler, Fields, Im, Kim, Linder, Shum, Skiff, and Sergeants Baptiste, Fanfassian and Russell observed the heightened situation and immediately responded as backup. The second bad guy assessed his chances for escape and reluctantly concluded he was done. Smart guy. Both suspects later admitted they intended to pick up prostitutes for the purpose of robbing them. A knife, a BB gun, and numerous items of jewelry were located in the truck. RHD Det. Alviani responded and conducted a thorough follow-up investigation. All officers involved are to be commended for their professionalism, sound tactics, observation skills and teamwork.

Parting Shot

I recently took the stand in federal court on a case in which the defendant decided to represent himself. He attempted, unsuccessfully, to suppress evidence under the idea the arrest was bad. Never mind the guy was on parole. All officers who testified were able to clearly articulate our reasonable suspicion and then probable cause. During my testimony there was much ado about the nature of the defendant's detention and when that detention was elevated to an arrest. The judge played it safe allowing the defendant quite a bit of leeway in his line of questioning. He was also granted several continuations. This type of hair splitting debate and coddling of suspects at the federal level drives street cops crazy. These tactics paralyze the pursuit of justice and allow very bad people opportunities to exploit the United States of America.

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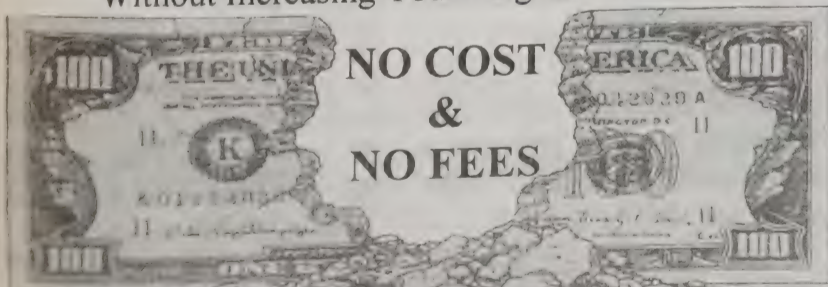
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Tom Wich
RHD Divisional Dragnet

Commendable Incident

From the files of the Bank Squad. Det. **Fountain** and Det. **Stubbs**, RHD-Bank Squad provided the following.

Beginning in November of 2001 a lone white male began robbing banking institutions in the Valley area of Los Angeles. During the following five months this bandit would rob 23 additional banks throughout Los Angeles city and county. The bandit would enter the banks, approach the victim teller and present a demand note, which stated in part that he was armed with a bomb. Fearing for their lives, the tellers would give this bad guy the U.S. currency in their cash drawers. During one of the robberies the bandit made off with so much currency he dropped a portion of it on the floor on his way out the bank, thus earning him the nickname "The Butterfingers" bandit.

Butterfingers' picture had been captured by bank surveillance cameras during many of his robberies. In addition he left several demand notes in the banks. RHD distributed "wanted" fliers to all Valley area patrol officers and detectives as well as utilized the local media to broadcast his picture. Butterfingers was soon making a name for himself as a very successful bank robber. That all changed on February 21, 2002.

On the night of February 21st, Devonshire Area SEU (for you old timers this is the name for the new CRASH/SPU Unit) Special Enforcement Unit, Officers **D. Hernandez**, #26652, **E. Vega**, #34248, **T. Townsend**, #32137, and **M. Fard**, #35084, observed a vehicle with two white male occupants commit numerous traffic violations. The officers conducted a traffic stop and attempted to obtain identification from

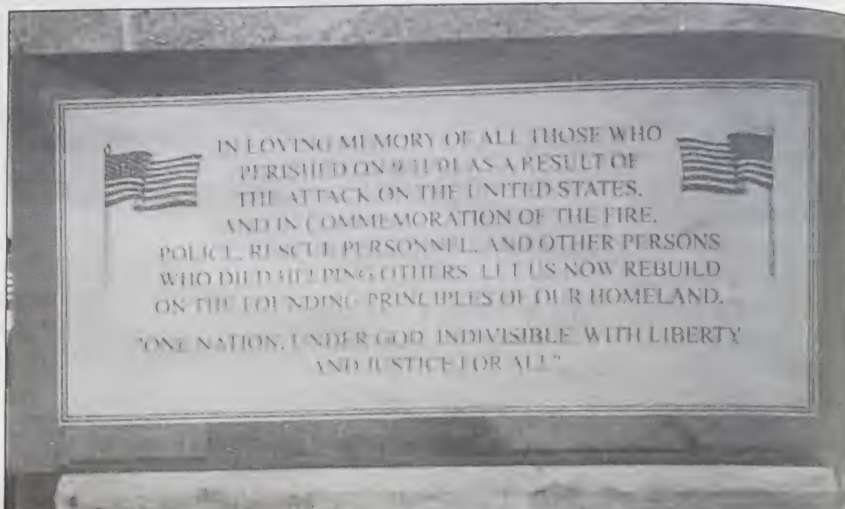
the driver. The driver informed them that he had none. However, he did inform that he and his passengers were both on parole and probation for narcotic related crimes. The officers could clearly observe brass knuckles, several "bladed" weapons as well as a crossbow with pistol grips inside of the vehicle. Now, knowing that anyone on parole and/or probation should not be armed with such weapons the officers took both individuals into custody. In addition to the weapons recovered, the officers recovered what appeared to be two bank robbery demand notes from the driver. It just so happened that the notes contained threats concerning a BOMB. The officers transported the suspects back to Devonshire station and phoned Detectives Fountain and Stubbs. Upon hearing the good news, the detectives responded from home and met the officers and suspects at PAB to conduct their interviews.

Butterfingers was admonished and refused to talk to the detectives. He was booked for bank robbery and is currently sitting in federal lockup awaiting his arraignment. The passenger was eliminated as being involved with the bank robbers and was booked for the possession of brass knuckles as well as a hold for parole. He is currently enjoying his stay with our friends at the Sheriff's Dept.

We at RHD want to commend these fine patrol officers for their attention to duty. Without their willingness to continue "proactive" police work, Butterfingers might still be out there terrorizing the public. Great job!

Retirement Corner

Well, even though he ended his career in CIID (okay, old timers, this is the new name for OIS, which currently is no longer part of RHD), we still consider Det.-3 **Mike "Mijo" Mejia** an RHD family member. After 27 years of dedicated service to the city and its citizens, Mike has decided to pull up stakes and move across the street to the Public Defender's office. Mike has worked a variety of assignments which included a 9-1/2 year stint at RHD where he worked Homicide/Major Crimes and Bank Robbery. Mike's party will be held at the "original" academy on Thursday, April



25th. The fun begins at 1700 hours with dinner starting at 1800 hours. The cost is \$25. Contact RHD, Detectives **Johnny Garcia** or **Joe O'Donnell** at 485-2129 or 0780. If you'd like to hear a friendlier voice, you can also contact **Nancy Claiborne** (CIID) at 485-4011. Hope to see ya there.

9-11

Just a little side note. I made a trip back to New York and went to the WTC. I spent three days there just talking to the officers at the scene. I know that there have been several LAPD officers that have made the same trip as well. The N.Y. and Port Authority Officers at the crime scene were very receptive and appreciative to just talk about their feel-

ings. I must say that standing near what was once the WTC was very moving, emotional and sad. There are no words or photographs that can describe the scene. I took a few photographs of the walls containing the victim's names as well as patches and hats from officers who have visited the scene. As I was sitting in my car looking at them, a country western song came on the radio where the singer sang, "It's a great day to be alive..." The emotions really hit hard, and even though I was looking at the destruction caused by our enemies, I still had to agree that it was a great day to be alive. Take care to love your family and life.

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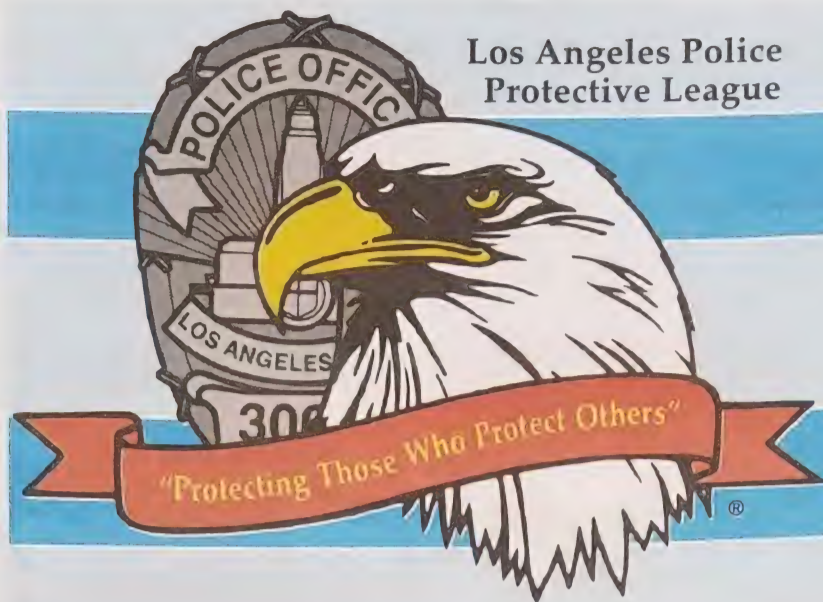
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The 2002 Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League is sworn in by Judge John Segal. From left: President Mitzi Grasso, Director Don Lint, Director Paul Weber, Secretary Ted Hunt, Director Peter Repovich, Director Cliff Ruff, Treasurer Tim Sands, and Vice President Bob Baker.



Your 2002 Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League



Eagle & Badge Foundation Board of Governors is sworn in by Judge John Segal. From left: Colin Gilbert, Robert H. Lorsch, Tom Rubin, Red Barris, Jaclyn Rosenberg, Donald T. Sterling (Board Chair), Arthur M. Kassel (Board President/CEO), and Mark Deitch.



Eagle & Badge Foundation President Arthur M. Kassel, with entertainer Red Buttons and League President Mitzi Grasso.



Eagle & Badge Foundation Board members Christopher Pair, Frank Morse, Jaclyn Rosenberg, Tom Ramirez and Foundation President/CEO Arthur M. Kassel



League Director Ted Hunt, ALADS President Roy Burns, Foundation President Arthur M. Kassel, and League Director Don Lint.

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Ms. Uyen Ngo, E&B Foundation Board member Brad O'Leary and invited guest.



Seated are E&B Foundation Board of Governor members Christopher Pair and Frank Morse; standing (l to r) are League Director Ted Hunt, City Council President Alex Padilla, Foundation President/CEO Arthur M. Kassel and Randy Fields.



Protective League Delegates for 2002, take oath of office and are sworn in by Judge Segal.

Photos Courtesy of Glen Lipton

ABOUT THE EAGLE & BADGE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS: ROBERT H. LORSCH

Los Angeles entrepreneur and philanthropist Robert H. "Bob" Lorsch's professional career spans over 30 years, mainly in advertising and sales promotion.

For more than 20 years, Bob Lorsch served as President of Lorsch Creative Network (LCN), a full-service advertising and sales promotion agency specializing in merchandising, point-of-sale, games, contests, sweepstakes and interactive marketing for corporate clients. LCN blended advertising, sales promotion, marketing campaigns and interactive telepromotions for "blue chip" national and international clients, including the ABC, CBS and NBC television networks, Marvel Entertainment, Caesars World, Inc., The Seven-Up Company, Campbell's Soup, Procter & Gamble, Beatrice Foods, Johnson & Johnson, Taco Bell, American Isuzu Motors, Northrop Grumman, McDonald's Corporation and MCA/Universal, among many others. Lorsch also partnered with Pacific Bell Information Services to build a voice mailbox system that is now part of the popular WinFax product offerings. In late 1994, Lorsch co-founded a prepaid long distance calling card company, which started with five people in a room above his garage. In three short years, prior to his leaving as the company's CEO, it became one of the largest providers of prepaid telecommunications products and services in the world.

Today, Lorsch continues to pursue entrepreneurial business opportunities in both the private and public sectors. One of the companies is BuyBidWin.com, an e-commerce enterprise that launched in September, 1999. Another of

Lorsch's projects is Natural Products for Pets, Inc., which launched in October, 2001, and is the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of Dancing Paws, a popular pet nutrient system that promotes optimum health and longevity. Offered at major retail specialty stores and via the Internet at www.dancingpaws.com, the Dancing Paws line of products is produced at human dietary supplement plants requiring FDA approval.

Whatever his role, Lorsch faces each endeavor with unparalleled enthusiastic energy. One of his personal mantras is: "To be average scares the hell out of me." These words are inscribed on a sign that has hung on his office door for more than 18 years. In the book, *Barbarians Led by Bill Gates*, Lorsch is described as "a marketing mastermind" and "a magician who believed anything was possible and simply wouldn't take no for an answer."

Lorsch also contributes a tremendous amount of time and energy toward giving back to the community...a lesson he learned in his youth. Through his efforts to encourage clients, business associates and friends to give a portion of their profits back to the community, he has been responsible for raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable organizations. Additionally, he has created numerous cause-related marketing programs for national advertisers that have raised millions for organizations such as the Special Olympics and others.

Lorsch has received numerous awards and proclamations for his public spirit, including a special private sector initiative award from the White House for his work with earthquake preparedness. His efforts for this

cause, which include serving on numerous earthquake preparedness committees, have earned him awards from the city and county of Los Angeles, the state of California and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In 1980, Lorsch's efforts to sell advertising on the Space Shuttle to benefit NASA research programs caught the attention of White House and NASA officials. They encouraged him to get involved with the Museum of Science and Industry in Los Angeles as well as other science museums across the country. In February, 1998, Vice President Albert Gore recognized Lorsch's support of science and technology in his dedication of the new California Science Center, which features the Robert H. Lorsch Family Pavilion as the gateway to the center. Lorsch also serves on the California Museum Foundation's Board of Trustees.

As part of his fundraising activities, Lorsch is a major supporter of the John Wayne Cancer Institute, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the Merrie Way Community, the Thaliens Mental Health Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, The Los Angeles Police Historical Society, the Children's Starlight Foundation, the Sheriff's Youth Foundation and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, for which he serves as a National Vice President and is incoming President of the Los Angeles Chapter.

Additionally, the anti-drug, anti-violence organization DARE America honored Lorsch in 1998 with its coveted Future of America Award at a dinner where he was named DARE's "Man of the Year." Lorsch was instru-

mental in raising over \$2 million for this organization at the dinner, which represents the most successful fundraising event held by DARE and is among the most successful money-raising events honoring an individual in the Los Angeles area.

In further recognition of his many endeavors, Lorsch received three humanitarian awards over the past three consecutive years from the following charitable organizations: the Muscular Dystrophy Association honored him in 1999 with its esteemed Humanitarian of the Year award; the Southern California Chapter of the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America named him Humanitarian of the Year 2000, and in April 2001, A Family Celebration presented him with the Humanitarian of the Year award at its annual gala, where he was joined onstage by fellow honorees President Bill Clinton, President Gerald and Mrs. Betty Ford, and Sylvester Stallone. Upcoming on April 6, 2002, Lorsch will receive the Golden Wish Award from The Starlight Children's Foundation at its 19th Annual "Dream" gala hosted by Jamie Lee Curtis.

Lorsch has been an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, has been highlighted in national and international newspapers, magazines and broadcast media, and has been a featured speaker on telecommunications at forums nationwide, including at MIT. Lorsch is 52 years old and is a resident of Los Angeles for more than 30 years. He has one son, Jordan, who is 18 years old.



EAGLE & BADGE FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES FIRST GRANT, SWEARS IN BOARD OF GOVERNORS

In its first grant, the Eagle and Badge Foundation—the charitable nonprofit organization established by community leaders and the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Protective League—has provided funds for the purchase and training of a specially-trained dog for Jake Von Voigt, the son of LAPD Hollywood Division Sergeant Robert Von Voigt and his wife, Marie.

Jake is seven years old and has moderately severe autism and is unable to speak. He is known as a "runner," which means that he has the ability to see and create opportunities to escape the safety of his caregivers, both at home and at school.

After experiencing several terrifying escapes by Jake and searches that were made even more difficult by his inability to speak, the Von Voigts came up with an innovative solution to protect Jake and ensure that he can be located in emergencies: specially train

a dog to locate Jake by his scent, in the same way that a K9 is trained to track a suspect via scent.

The Von Voigts obtained a Labrador Retriever named Boo, who will be specially trained and certified as a service dog so that Boo can accompany Jake at all times. Boo is currently being trained by Officer Andy Jimenez, an Anaheim Police Department K9 Handler who owns and operates Falco K9 Academy in Yorba Linda.

The Eagle and Badge Foundation, through fundraisers and generous donations from LAPPL members and friends of the organization, purchased Boo and the special training on behalf of the Von Voigts. It is the first in a series of grants and scholarships that the Foundation plans to give.

The Eagle and Badge Foundation was created to provide benefits to the families of L.A. police officers and the children in the communities served by L.A. police officers. Benefits are provided in the form of scholarships and community programs, as well as assis-

tance to public safety officers' families in times of catastrophic need.

Grant applications are available by calling the Eagle and Badge Foundation at 818-994-4661. The criteria are as follows:

- Scholarships are presented based upon financial need and academic excellence.
- Community program support is allocated based on financial need, number of young people affected and the impact of the project in the community.
- The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors approve funds on an individual basis for catastrophic need.
- On Wednesday, March 6, the Foundation—established in 2001 at the urging of Arthur M. Kassel (now the Foundation's president) and the Board of Directors of the LAPPL—swore in its Board of Governors at the LAPPL's Annual Swearing in Ceremony at the Friar's Club in Beverly Hills. The Board of Governors includes:

- Donald T. Sterling (Chair)
- Red Barris
- Mark Deitch
- Colin Gilbert
- Emerson Glazer
- Robert H. Lorsch
- Brad O'Leary
- Frank P. Morse
- Christopher Pair
- Robert E. Petersen
- Thomas M. Ramirez
- Jackie Rosenberg
- Tom Rubin
- Dr. Stanley Toy

Entertainer Red Buttons received an honorary membership to the Eagle and Badge Foundation at the Swearing in Ceremony.

Also at the ceremony, Foundation President Kassel announced that half of the proceeds of a future Julio Iglesias concert in Los Angeles—tentatively scheduled for October, 2002—will be donated to the Foundation.

West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Welcome to the April edition of The West L.A. Journal by Mary Dacey. This month's column is being brought to you by...wait...what am I talking about?! This column doesn't need a sponsor so I must have been thinking of something else. Anyway, moving right along, did you happen to recognize the officer from the mystery cop photo of the month? Well, the picture was taken at last year's beach party, which was quite a blast. If you were there, then you already know.



West L.A. Mystery Cop Photo of the Month

suit, sandals and suntan lotion out of the attic or garage, but do please join us, won't you? I promise you won't be disappointed. After all, it might not be breakfast at Tiffany's, but it will be brunch at the beach.

Officer **Rashad Sharif** was at the Grammy Awards recently and Sgt. **John Warren** told Sharif that he heard that he knew everybody there! Sharif more or less agreed, except that he said he didn't know quite enough people...at least not enough to get himself a driver and a limo.

Speaking of Sharif, I am referencing the above photograph depicting him and DART leader **Patty Prickett**. Sharif said of Patty that she has been "breaking the cycle of domestic violence one case at a



D.A.R.T. Team members Prickett and Sharif.

time!" Patty's comment about Rashad was that he was, "the DART officer of the century, both in 77th and West L.A. divisions."

Retired Officer **Pete "Klink" Malaznik** said that he wants to come back and work the kit room two days a week. Can you believe it? After all, he was the best kit room officer the department has ever had and the LAPD will be hard pressed to find the likes of him again! Not only did he keep everything lined up and in its place, but he was also

the king of palindromes in his spare time...such as, "Able was I ere I saw Elba..." Thanks, Pete, and if you come back, don't forget to bring the MFF.

Congratulations to several officers and detectives who made the sergeant's list: **Paul Chambers, Brian Gallagher, Marla Kiley, Curtis McIntyre, Brian Morrison and Mark Stainbrook.**

823 Officers **Dana Binion** and **Lance Nielsen** have been commended again along with SEU Officers **Ken Collard, Harris Cho, Peter Mah, Stephanie Alcocer, Anton Umansky and Paul Corralejo** for setting up surveillance and apprehending suspects involved in ongoing GTA/BFV activity. 823's observation skills led them to 11800 Goshen where they observed suspects in a '94 Blue Honda Civic with three occupants in the vehicle moving slowly in the area and stopping occasionally. The suspects had been eyeing another Honda, this one a tan Accord. A short time later Binion and Nielsen observed two occupants in the tan Accord pulling away from the curb and heading eastbound. Subsequently, the suspects' blue Honda Civic pulled away from the curb and began following the tan Honda. The officers deduced that a grand theft auto had just occurred as this type of activity fit the pattern they had learned through their experience driving during the dark hours of night over the past several years. They requested the assistance of the SEU officers who followed both vehicles. Collard and Cho took the driver of the Honda Civic into custody without incident at a Mobil gas station. Meanwhile, Alcocer and Mah attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the Accord but to no avail. The driver exited the vehicle and ran southbound. The passenger was ordered out of the vehicle and

was taken into custody while Umansky and Corralejo assisted the other officers who chased the driver downhill during a foot pursuit. The suspect continually ignored lawful commands to stop. He was finally overtaken by Umansky and taken into custody by the officers. There have been so many Hondas stolen that having two suspects removed from the streets of L.A. is to be highly commended. The officers were commended for their attention to duty, teamwork, tactics and investigation skills. Let's hear it for the troops.



"AHEM! May I have your attention please. The West Los Angeles catering truck has arrived at the front of the station."

There have been a few changes to tell you about. P3 **D. Garland** has been promoted to Sgt. 1 from Rampart and will be joining us. Sgt. **I J. Hollis** will be coming here from No. Hollywood, and Det. **I G. Tavares** will also be coming to Detectives from No. Hollywood. P2s **L. Allstot**

and **T. Shumaker** will be coming from Devonshire, **D. Cotti** from Foothill, **B. Jones II** from Southeast, **M. Fukuda** from Southwest and **M. Kirk** from Van Nuys. Sgt. **I M. Zaboski** will be wheeling to Van Nuys (bye, Sarge), and **D. Klinzing** will be a P2 patrolling the Harbor area while **M. Babel** will be a P2 now in West Valley. We wish you all the best.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

North Hollywood news

by Angie Hougen
North Hollywood Area

Officer John Smith receives American Legion Award

Officer John Smith #24687, received the American Legion "Law Officer of the Year" for the City and County of Los Angeles. The Legion selected Smith for his professionalism, motivation, and outstanding scope of



Officer John Smith and Sergeant Jim Devito at the American Legion "Law Officer of the Year" Luncheon.

knowledge. He was honored for his outstanding work in forgery investigations, narcotics, and vehicle tampering. He was chosen from nominees throughout the Southland. Congratulations John, and thank you for all your hard work.

Officers of the Month

Congratulations to **Mike Jensen #17648**, and **Bob Rowedder #26915**, our Officers of the Month for February and March. Mike has been part of the North Hollywood landscape since

Richard Nixon was President, and time and time again, continues his relentless pursuit of evildoers. Recently his arrest of three bank robbery suspects, after a lengthy ground search, showed his tireless dedication.



Mayor James Hahn visits North Hollywood Station, and includes a stop in Detectives, and a chat with our volunteer Murrury Walmark.

He definitely sets the standard.... Officer Bob Rowedder consistently receives commendations and praise from citizens and coworkers alike. He's been at North Hollywood since 1994, and has a never-ending stream of arrests to his credit. He is a hard working, easy going, member of the North Hollywood family.

And Speaking of Family.....

A warm welcome to our two new North Hollywood babies, both with the same name (what are the odds...). **Tracey Angeles** and **John Catelano's**

son John Michael was born on January 9th. The family is doing well, and enjoying the new baby. A Valentine's day baby was born to Bob Collier and his wife Kelly. Their son John Michael is doing equally well. There are several other babies on the way at the station, as we may all spring for a name book.

Our Reserve of the Year

Reserve Officer Mickey Wolkenfeld was honored on March 16th at the Annual Reserve Officer Banquet. Officer Wolkenfeld is active in the Department's



Reserve Officer Mickey Wolkenfeld - North Hollywood Reserve of the Year

Peer Counseling Program, and has served as a Specialist Reserve for North Hollywood since 1993. He volunteers many hours every year to assist the North Hollywood community. He is also a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross.

Congratulations Mickey, and thank you for all you do for us.



by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Commendable Capers

Shootout at the OK Corral: On August 5, 2001, members of the "Pueblo Bishops" gang entered the area of 48th Place and Long Beach Avenue to ambush several "38th Street" gang members, who were standing in front of an apartment building in the 1600 block of East 48th Place. They fired numerous rounds from an AK and .9mm guns at the "38th Street" gang members, who returned fire from a variety of weapons. A shootout ensued during which a female victim, who lived across the

street from the apartment building sadly was shot and killed while inside her house.

Thanks to Shoot'n Newton's Homicide Team at the direction of Det. III J.D. "Wyatt" Furr, three suspects were arrested and murder charges have been filed against them.

Another Newton Legend Retires

On April 4th, Det. III J.D. Furr retired after a ton of years. I'll have all the



The Newton Tombstone 187 Team with JD "Wyatt" Furr in the center.

retirement party information in the next issue of the Divisional Reporter. It will be a hoot.

Guns and More Guns Off the Street

During the month of February, Newton SEU completed a major gang investigation with a multi-five search warrant served at a problem "5-Deuce Broadway Crip" gang location. Due to the gang's violent history and the numerous weapons observed at the location, SWAT assisted with the service of the search warrant simultaneously at the five locations. Numerous "5-Deuce Broadway" gang members were detained and evidence was recovered.

The search warrant culminated in the arrest of six active "5-Deuce Broadway" gang members, the recovery of three guns, rock cocaine, a large amount of marijuana and approximately \$5,800 in U.S. currency. Narcotics charges were filed on five gang members and one was charged with a misdemeanor warrant.

On February 4th, Newton CLEAR Officers **D. Nunn** and **M. Contreras** arrested a 13-year-old with a .380 automatic weapon at 47th Street and Hooper Avenue. Officer **M. Tarango** interviewed the arrestee who confessed to an unrelated crime (criminal threats) and identified his companion who was arrested the next day.

On February 14th, Newton CLEAR, accompanied by parole agents arrested a

parolee for violation of parole and an ex-con with a gun. The ex-con had a .380 automatic weapon in his room and tossed a stolen .38 revolver out of his second story window.

On February 19th, Newton CLEAR Officers **K. Scott** and **Contreras** arrested a 38th Street gang member for attempt murder and robbery at 33rd Street and Compton Avenue.

On February 25th, Officers **I. Galloway** and **Scott** arrested a Blood Stone Villain gang member in possession of a .32 revolver and rock cocaine.

New Newtonites

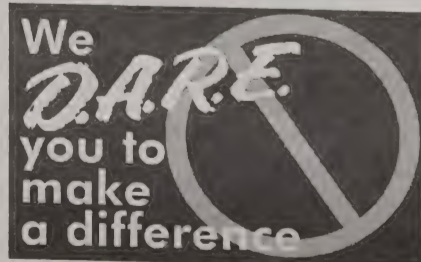
On January 25, 2002, Officer **Lauro Montes' wife, Margie**, gave birth to their third child, Nicholas Robert. He weighed in at 8 lbs. with a height of 20 inches. Congratulations to go Margie for her hard work.

And, on February 27, 2002, at 0530 hours, Officer **Frank Trevino's wife, Maria**, gave birth to Sean Jordan. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 oz. Congratulations go to Maria for her hard work.

Newton Officers Off to Do a Little Payback

Officers **Stewart Jaye, USAF**; **Rachel Cruz, USN**; **Phil Karle, USMC**; **Annette Razo, USN**; Probationary Officers **Alfredo Ibanez** and **Issac Moreno, USMC**.

Keep the sand and pebbles out of your boots and your powder dry. Good luck and hurry back. Your family and Newton family misses you.



by Mark Horton
DARE

Newborn

Congratulations to **Lily Fuentes, #V8837**, Senior Clerk Typist of DARE

Division whose son was born on Saturday, February 23, 2002, at 12:44 p.m. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 5 oz, and was 20 inches long.

Retirement

Congratulations to **Delores Chaulsett, #M8950**, Secretary for DARE Division. She will be retiring after more than 30 years of service. Her retirement luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at the Police Academy in the rock garden. We will be holding a luncheon to make her farewell a memorable one. The cost will be \$25. We would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work.

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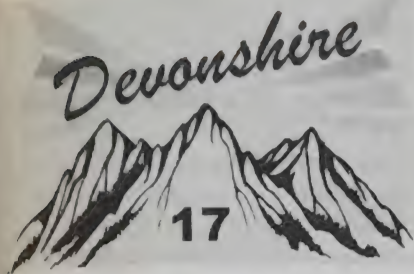
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Devonshire Division

Academy Class 2023

Well, it only seems fair that I should start off this month's article with a little something about my co-author/partner-in-crime/Academy classmate. Congratulations to Officer **A. Chapin**, #34634, and her husband, Rob, on the recent birth of their child, Aiden Robert Chapin, who was born on February 5th. Also, congratulations to Officer **J. Lara**, #35164, and husband, Officer **G. Lara**, #33994 (V.N.), on the birth of their child, Matthew Lorenzo Lara, born 12/6/01. Congratulations also to Sgt. II **P. Hearn**, #27212, on the birth of Andrew Williams Fields-Hearn, born on January 30th.



Matthew Lorenzo Lara. Born December 6, 2001.

GrandPapa

Congratulations to Officer **P. Russell**, #21876, on the birth of his first grandchild, Jillian Noelle, born on January 18th.

Having Fun on the 3/12's!

Okay, I know that I talk a lot about the CWS, but sorry folks, it is a lot of fun!! It works and our officers are happy! Even SLOs **D. Graham**, #32365, and **R. Bishop**, #32728, try to sneak out on



Abbinanti, Faro, Leone, Graham and Bishop.



Aiden Robert Chapin. Born February 5th, 2002.

basic patrol with Officers **N. Abbinanti**, #33767, **M. Fard**, #35084, and **J. Leone**, #35130.

Devonshire Coming-n-Going!

Coming in: Sgt. I **T. McBride**, #22484; Sgt. I **J. Stahl**, #27188; Det. I **D. Mendoza**, #30906; P2 **S. Nunez**, #35381; P2 **G. Harrison**, #31445; P2 **M. Muro**, #32199; P2 **R. Krynsky**, #33035; P2 **D. Lee**, #34873; P2 **G. Ferreras**, #34387; and P2 **S. Scheff**, #27818.

Leaving: Sgt. I **D. Dresser**, #22630 (to Hollenbeck); P2 **A. Rodriguez**, #35464 (to Foothill); P2 **T. Shumaker**, #35710 (to W. LA); and P2 **L. Allstot**, #35100 (to W. LA).

What About Wilshire?

by "Helper"
Wilshire Division

Deployment Period 3 begins a new chapter in the history of Wilshire Division. Our new "flex schedule" is in place and as of this time I have not received any complaints. Well let me take that back a second. The SLOs are still working out some scheduling problems, but I hear that they will soon be on the schedule also. It's all politics, but don't quote me on that. For the rest of you, here is a look at what the schedule looks like. The majority of the division will be on the 3-12. Basically it is running here from 6 to 6. There is one 4-10 shift and I believe it is running from 0900 to 2045 hours. Specialized units will be on the 4-10 shift and I believe it is running from 0900 to 0145 hours. Well, good luck to all on the new schedule. Sgt. **Kitchner** and Sgt. **Horan** have been working around the clock to make everyone comfortable as possible during the change. I almost forgot, Detectives will remain on the same schedule that they were previously on. Sergeants will be on the flex schedule and Lieutenants and Sergeant IIs will be on the 4-10.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter and let us not forget those brothers and sisters who will not be with us this year due to their military commitments. We are all proud of you for what you are doing, and we want you to take care of yourselves and return home safely and quickly.

Last DP I forgot to mention a very important person who received an award. I'm sorry for that, but let me make up for it now.

Officer of the Year for 2001 goes to Officer **Pedro Reyes**. Officer Reyes has been here at Wilshire going on three years now and is an example to all on the making of not only a great officer but a great person. Officer Reyes served in the Marine Corps for 20 years and during that time he never received an award, so it is only fitting that he receive this prestigious award. I keep telling him that he should have chosen something else besides supply. Handing out BDUs will not get you any combat medals. All kidding aside, congratulations and job well done. Bravo Zulu.

Arrivals

Welcome to the following sergeants who will be coming to the busiest division in the city. You have your work cut out for you. Sgt. **Jonathan Tom**, #32993, is coming in from CIG. Sgt. **Jeana Franco**, #30632, is coming in from EODD. Sgt. **Sean Karmody** is coming in from USD. Sgt. **Allan Seeget**, #24491, is coming in from 77th with his partner Sgt. **Joann Stout**, #25637. Good luck to all.

Departures

We have a lot of people leaving this DP which is really hard for most of us. Just means more work for the rest of us. Well then again by looking at some of the names I think we should be okay. Just kidding. Congratulations to Sgt. **Marc Reina**, #34490, who will be leaving us to go to Pacific. He really wanted to be by the beach and the only way he knew he could get there was by continuing to take the tests and promote. Let this be an example to all of us. Good luck and after you get salty, come on back and rinse off. Sgt. "Bootcamp" **Barrios**, #24967,

is on his way south to Harbor Division. Sgt. "Billy D" **Clark**, #30032, is on his way next door to Ramp. Sgt. **Stephanie Krajchir**, #26481, is on her way to WTD. Wait a second, you're already there. Wow they took some really outstanding supervision away from us. Sgt. Clark, I wish you all the best. You helped me out of some tough situations and I would be happy to have you next to me at any interview. By the way, can you leave your number 'cause I think I have some more coming up. Det. **David Cortez**, #27673, is going to Harbor. Det. **Raymond Mendoza**, #22939, is going to NE. Officer **Arthur Ashcraft**, #34536, is on his way to Harbor along with Officer **Jeannie Flores**, #34638; Officer "can't break free from here" **Stephen Musso**, #33267, and Officer **James Tamage**, #34671. Keep on riding, Jim. Yeah, right. All of you have left an eternal mark on Wilshire Division, and you will all be missed. Officer **Juan Aguilar**, #35782, will be going to NE.

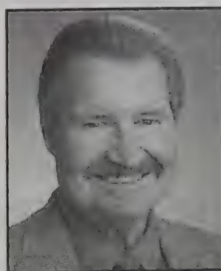
This month also marks another Baker to Vegas relay. Good luck to all those who are participating in the event. Please remember to be careful, not only during the run but also during the other social events. For any additional information on the event, contact Miguel Lopez. Bring back first place.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the newest addition to the Wilshire family. Lt. **Eiseberg's** wife gave birth to a beautiful baby girl on 1/13/02. Little baby Sarah Nicole Eiseberg was born 8 lbs., 7-1/2 oz. Both mother and baby are reported to be doing fine. Congratulations again and good luck, especially during that mid-night feeding.

Last, but not least, thank you for all your best wishes when I was IOD for that short period. I'll be back on the bike soon. Remember, let's be careful out there.

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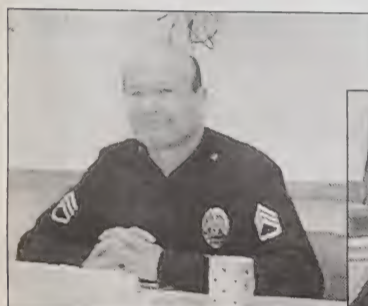
DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

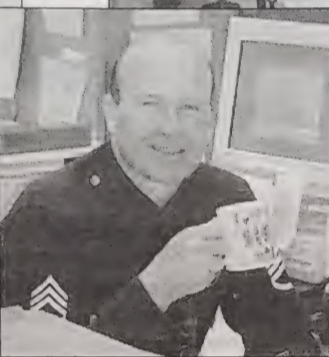
Happy Baker to Vegas month, everyone. May you have a wonderful time at the annual event, and if you are actually competing, may victory come your way.

Retirement Announcement



We are saddened but at the same time happy to announce the retirement of long-time Hollenbeck Sgt. **Rick Faulkner**. Sgt. Faulkner, #16495, joined the LAPD on November 30, 1970, after serving a stint in the U.S. Marine Corps. While in the Marines,

Sgt. Faulkner spent time in Vietnam and also represented the USMC as an amateur boxer. Sgt. Faulkner worked a variety of assignments during his long tenure in the police department and was awarded the Medal of Valor for bravery while assigned to 77th Street Division in 1974. In addition to all his other duties, Sgt. Faulkner was also involved as a peer counselor and crisis response team member. Although Sgt. Faulkner will be greatly missed, he will now have the



opportunity to provide guidance and assistance to those in need, as he will be able to dedicate his time to his ministry. Sgt. Faulkner, thank you for your unselfish dedication while assigned to Hollenbeck Division and for your very understanding supervisory skills. We will definitely miss you and you will not be forgotten.

If you have the time, please pop in once in a while and say hello.

On that note...

We will be saying so long to Rick Faulkner in style. Please join us at the Quiet Cannon in the City of Montebello, on May 4th at 6:00 p.m., as we gather to celebrate Sgt. Faulkner's retirement. There will be entertainment provided and we promise you a good time. Hope to see you all there. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please see Senior Lead Officer **Cynthia Gonzales** or Sgt. **Davis**.

And Yet Another Retirement

One retiree who slipped past me and retired quietly was Det. **Don Perez**. I happened to run into Don the other day, only to learn that he was no longer with us. Don decided to go out without much fanfare and retired on January 12th of this

year, after serving nearly 29 years on the Department. We also wish Don the best of luck on his retirement and we wish him well.

Baby News

As usual, I have the inevitable new baby arrival announcement. This month's lucky recipients of the brand new baby award are **Brenda and Chris Ramirez**. My favorite couple are now the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy. Little Tyler Christian Ramirez entered the world on March 7th at precisely 1:02 p.m. and measured in at 19-

1/2 inches, while weighing in at 6 lbs. and 15 oz. Brenda and Chris, congratulations on your family addition and may nothing but happiness come your way.

Welcome

Congratulations go out to Lt. **G. Ryan** as he promoted into Hollenbeck Division. Lt. Ryan was a Sergeant II at IAG prior to his promotion. We also welcome and congratulate Sgt. **R. Malachi**, who comes to us from Training Division, where she was a P-III. We say hello to Sgt. **D. Dresser** in from Devonshire Division. Last, but not least, please welcome Det. **B. Williams**, coming to Hollenbeck via 77th Division.

Goodbye

We say so long and farewell to Lt. **Anne Barrera**, who is now assigned to CRB. We also congratulate and say adios to **Louie Corona**, who promoted to Detective 3 and is now serving the citizens of Wilshire Division. Sgt. **R. Rakitis** is now supervising personnel at 77th Division, while Sgt. **Rudy Alaniz** is now keeping the streets of Foothill Division safe. Finally, **Jaime Martin** and **R. Mendoza** are now assigned to Rampart Division after serving a stint in Hollenbeck Vice.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, **Carlos** "they built the ground too close" **De La Cruz**. Stand tall, Bud!

I know it's a short column this month, but I need to get back to "hooking and booking." If I hurry, I have time for at least two more felonies before end of watch. See you all next month.

VANNUYS Happenings

by Maggie Dixon
VanNuys Division

Recent Events

The annual Employee of the Year awards were held on February 28 at Mission Hills Hospital, where the Civilian, Officer, Sergeant and Detective of the year recipients were honored. The presentation of awards was made by Channel 5 news anchor Larry McCormick. Civilian of the Year was presented to PSR **Martha Graham**. Officer of the Year went to two very deserving officers, **David Childs** and **Matthew Vandersall**. Det. **Rita Benefield** was presented with Detective of the Year, and Sergeant of the Year was Sgt. **Paul Anderson**.

On March 5th, five of our officers were honored for their success with stolen vehicle arrests. Honorees included Officers **Bui**, **Childs**, **Padilla**, **Runyon**, and **Vandersall**. All were presented with 10851 VC pins by the California Highway Patrol and California Automobile Club.

Lt. **Correa** advised that the annual Tip-a-Cop event was a resounding success this year, and proceeds far surpassed last year's event. Several of the servers included Deputy Chief **Bergmann**, Captain **Moriarty**, Lt. **Correa**, and Officer **Mitzi Grasso**. Lulu's restaurant provided us with a great location and support for the event.

Noteworthy News

The Baker to Vegas Relay Challenge

is quickly approaching and both **Martha Graham** and **Richard "Piccolo Player" Thomas** are predicting a promising finish line performance by this year's team.

Sgt. **Teresa Wilson** is heading up a contingency to participate in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. The walk is slated for October, and begins in Santa Barbara and will finish in Malibu. Anyone wishing to participate or make a sponsored donation should contact Teresa for more info, 818-756-8346, day watch.

Stacy Ball and **Juliet Maglimum** (formerly of Van Nuys Records) joined in the throng of people who ran and walked in the 2002 L.A. Marathon. Stacy hobbled into work sporting some stunning fluorescent green thongs in an effort to soothe the countless blisters she collected during her 26 mile hike. As of yet, we haven't seen the likeness of Juliet who ran the course in 6-1/2 hours. Now if we could just follow in their footsteps, maybe next year. Congratulations for your "no quit" attitude.

Lt. "Burns" **Storaker** required some short term MI at the dispensary for a second degree burn on the tip of his finger. The injury apparently occurred during the lighting of a birthday cake for Sgt. **Ann Pickering**. Clearly too many candles were on the cake... Since then several sergeants pooled their resources and purchased a child safe lighter for future birthday events. It was also rumored that Fire Company 39 was also seen responding to this three alarm fire.

Special thanks to Mayor **James Hahn** for coming to Van Nuys Roll Call and giving the troops words of encouragement and praise. It was a nice gesture and boost to officer morale.

Capt. **Ann Young** returned briefly to present OSD civilian and sworn with well deserved certificates and recognition of their tireless work and dedication during the year 2001. As a result of their work ethics, OSD finished the year with

a "zero percent" in the overdue case category.

Copper Capers

Several excellent capers and arrests were made in the past couple of months. While working the area of Barrio Van Nuys, Officers **Childs**, #34915, and **Vandersall**, #34826, heard three loud gunshots and observed a possible suspect vehicle attempting to flee the area. During a traffic stop, **Childs** and **Vandersall** retrieved a partially concealed shotgun in the vehicle. With the assistance of Officer **Costello**, #34461, **Smith**, #34495, and **Signenas**, #33808, they located evidence, victims, and witnesses to the drive-by shooting that had just occurred. The driver and two occupants of the suspect vehicle were booked for Attempt Murder, as well as Felon and Gangmember with a Firearm. Due to an outstanding and concise arrest report written by the above officers, three more predators will be off the streets, making the area safer for local law-abiding residents.

During their shift, Officers **Gardner**, #32848, and **Barragan**, #35987, began searching the area of Saticoy and Haskell for possible robbery suspects from a radio call that had just been broadcast. Due to the excellent vehicle description broadcast, they observed the suspect vehicle within a one mile radius of the crime location. Once again, due to diligence and conscientious assistance of their fellow officers, **Munoz**, #32299, **Hewitt**, #34862, **Dain**, #35634, and **Pearce**, #34007, two more lowlives were taken off the streets of Van Nuys, and the stolen property was returned to their rightful owners. With the combined efforts and attention to detail of the involved officers, two street robberies were cleared in addition to the original robbery call! Both arrestees were active Valerio Street gangsters, but no more! Exceptional PIRs and arrest reports were

written in all of these capers, and have proven to be the nail in the coffin that keeps these thugs from getting off on technicalities. It is excellent police work and dedication to the profession such as this that make us all proud and sets us apart in the law enforcement profession. Great job, everyone!

New Additions

Several new family members have joined the Van Nuys ranks. Officer **Mako** has a new addition to his family to celebrate. **Zoltan** is the proud father of his first son, **Istuan Mako**. Istuan was born January 23rd at 1326 hours, and weighed in at 6 lbs. Both mother and child are doing just fine. Another recent birth announcement came from Officer **Klus**, who celebrated the birth of his first child, **Kailee Anne Klus**. She was born January 31st and weighed 6 lbs, 5 oz. Keith says he is a very happy new dad. P-III **Jesse Kane** and wife **Shelley** have rounded out their family with their new daughter, **Jordan Madison Kane**, who was born February 22nd and weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. upon her arrival. Jordan is a happy and healthy new addition, and Jess says she is already learning the ropes from her older sister. Det. **Elizabeth Eaton** and her husband are celebrating an exciting addition to their family. On February 8, they became the proud new parents of their son, **James Thomas Eaton**. After finally receiving the long-awaited phone call, Beth and Bill flew to Seoul, South Korea, where they completed their adoption of James. James is a spunky, happy little guy and very happy to be home with his new mom and dad.

Ins and Outs

New to Van Nuys area are P-III **Tim Counihan**, P-II **Lisa Vasquez**, and P-Is **Michael Chafe** and **Brian Thayer**. Det. **Daryoush Sameyah** promoted to Sergeant I and will remain at Van Nuys.

Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop
Harbor Division

Greetings!

Hello to one and all out there. May this issue bring you April showers, and many wonderful birthday wishes to my Aires and Taurus readers. What an important time of the year with the election races for office, I hope you all remembered to vote. It should be very interesting for all of us now that the dust has finally settled, with the new and old guard trying to work together to make the City a better place. Stand by to stand by, yes?

Insies and Outies

Well, Transfer Order #3 is showing some movement indeed, three and a half pages worth! The following is a list of the lucky folks who got to come work the Harbor for a spell, if not for good: Welcome Sgt.1 **Bruce Barrios**; Det.1 **David Cortez**; P-2 **Edward Yoon**; P-2 **Medardo Carranza**; P-2 **Gregg Jacobus**; P-2 **Tracie Noogle**; P-2 **Twins Victor and Vicente Pacheco**; P-2 **Arthur Ashcroft**; P-2 **Jeannine Flores**; P-2 **Stephen Musso**; P-2 **James Talmage**; and P-2 **Douglas Klinzing**. Farewell and best wishes to the following folks who left us, seeking new adventures: Sgt.1 **Bart Landsman**

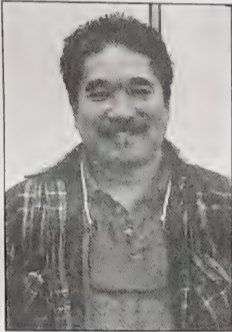
turned his rudder and docked at Pacific Division; P-2 **David Nick** accepted the mission of working a tour at Communications Division; P-2 **Christopher Andrade** left us for a tasty change of Tommy Burgers and Rampart Division; and last but not least, warm wishes of good luck and happy trails to a gracious lady MA2 **Alverna "Al" Ray**, who left the Harbor and now calls Audit Division home. I would personally like to say "thank you Al", for your support and assistance with retirement documents, your proof reading skills, and all that you've done to help us out in the Harbor.

Hurry Up and Get Well Soon!

Maybe by the time you are reading this article, a few of these officers will be back in the saddle. The following list of folks are currently out on injured status. Let's wish them a speedy recovery: P-3 **Larry Garcia**; P-3 **Jerry Legaspi**; P-2 **Cari Long** (we're not as young as we used to be chick!); P-3 **Bruce Nelson** (ditto, Bruce!); P-2 "Junior" **Maligi Nua**; P-3 **Frankie "Francois" Partida**; and lastly "are you finally showing yet?" P-3 **Andrea Sanfillippo**.

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations and a big Hoorah goes out to a good friend and really nice guy, Det.11 **Clyde "Clydee" Nakamura #20164**. Clyde decided to finally pull the plug and make retirement his new occupation. Clyde has been with the Department for approxi-



Happy Retirement Det.11 Clyde "Clydee" Nakamura #20164, smiling BIG on the announcement of his retirement!

mately 28 years more or less, and worked numerous assignments here in the Harbor, as well as Rampart, Southwest, Central, 77th, IAD & BFD. As many of you may or may not know, Clyde was also a reserve Coast Guard officer and EMT. Once again, congratulations to a lucky guy, and we hope you stay in touch with us working stiffs. Ciao for now, Clydee.

Chili Cook-Off



Chili Cook-off - Some of the chili chefs working their magic of gastronomic inventions. From left to right, D-1 Tina Bavouset, P-2 Carlos Martin, P-3 Tom Malloy, Sgt.1 Kathlene Matthews, P-3 Randy Childs, and P-1 Candice Candelaria.

Okay folks, get out the Alka Seltzer (no, not Sgt. Seltzer), it's time for the first annual Harbor Chili Cook-Off. The Harbor Baker to Vegas running team decided that this might be a fun way to drum up some funds for the team, and some camaraderie for the officers. The event took place on March 6th at Harbor Station, with the judging of ten special secret pots of chili & their respective chefs. The final winning chef received two passports to Disneyland. The next Blue

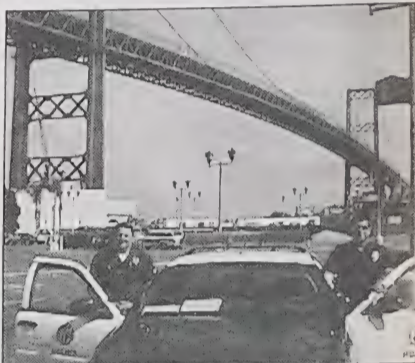
Line issue will include photos of the event, the winning chef of the best pot of chili and the officer who needed the most Roloids!

In Closing

I just have to say that Harbor Division is indeed a great place to work, with the sun, sand, and beautiful views of the coastline to take the edge off of a hard day's work.

Where else can you find, for example, The Adventures of Unit 5A85? Nowhere except in the Harbor. As all Harbor folks know, 5A85 has some really spectacular sights, since their area covers the residential coastline from Point Fermin and westward. Life is good, ain't it Randy?

I'd like to add one little shout out to a special gal, "Hey" to **Rosemary Piazza**, you're in our thoughts and prayers always. In the meantime to all of you,



The Adventures of Unit 5A85, P-3 Randy Childs and his partner P-2 Carlos Martin catching a cool breeze under the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro (even though it is in 5A59's area. Ooops!)

as always, be smart, be safe, be sound, and keep on dancing!

TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings, amigos. We are just roaring right along through 2002. Always remember to be professional and courteous but most important take care of yourself and your partner.

Happenings

In the sports report, South Traffic Division has been the surprise of the playoff tournament. It's been March madness at the Academy gym. As of this writing, South Traffic is undefeated in the playoffs having polished off the Metro and Southeast teams. Coach **Cummins** is still right on with his very bold prediction of bringing home the championship to South Traffic. We will know next month if Coach Cummins can be like "the greatest" boxer who was famously quoted as saying "It ain't braggin' if you can back it up."

Happy Trails to You

South Traffic Division wishes to extend a fond farewell to Officer **Victor Pacheco** as he has chosen to join the San Pedro Police, better known as Harbor Division. Good luck and be safe.

There are two individuals who have

decided to call it a career. First off, Officer **Richard Goetchen** has just completed 32 plus years of service. Officer Goetchen has been a fixture in South Traffic Division's follow-up unit working as a P-III+1. Many, and I mean many, a suspect has had the unfortunate luck of having Officer Goetchen working their case. It was rarely a question of if the case would be solved, but rather when it would be solved. Officer Goetchen held the highest respect from his peers and his presence will be sorely missed. Best wishes for a long, healthy and prosperous retirement from your co-conspirators here at South Traffic.

Lastly, if you ever received a phone call at 0 dark 30 reminding you that you were supposed to be in court, it was probably from Officer **Michael Cummins** who saved many an officer from a failure to appear. Officer Mike Cummins has for the past few years served in the capacity of Subpoena Control Officer at South Traffic. Officer Cummins has called it a career after 33 years of service to the citizens of Los Angeles. If the trivia question was ever asked as to which motor officer was number one on the department in terms of seniority, the answer is Officer Mike Cummins. Officer Cummins was a motor officer for all but four years in his career. He is fond of saying, "There are two types of police officers—motor cops and those who want to be." At South Traffic, Officer Cummins could always be heard singing in the hallways as he worked Subpoena Control plus about 1,000 other duties as assigned keeping the station functioning properly. Officer Cummins is trying to make his final year

a winning year by coaching the basketball team to a first ever basketball championship and participating on the 2002 STD/DARE Baker to Vegas team trying to earn a first ever mug. He leaves big shoes to fill but all at STD wish Officer Cummins and his family the best of health, wealth (pick the right horses) and prosperity in his many years of retirement. There was only one lingering

question: Where exactly did Mike go when he would state, "I'm going to get the mail?"

As always, you are encouraged to keep in contact with our brother and sister officers who are sick, ill or injured. Motors, keep the rubber side down and C.I., keep the light bar off of the pavement.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Fairbanks
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from the home front.

Up/Out

Congratulations to Plus One **Manny Redruello** (G Pltn) and **Gary Walters** (G) on their promotion to Sergeant I. Manny leaves behind a star for a 3 chevron configuration at N-Hwd Division. Mr. Walters is enr s/b to 77th Division. Best wishes to both.

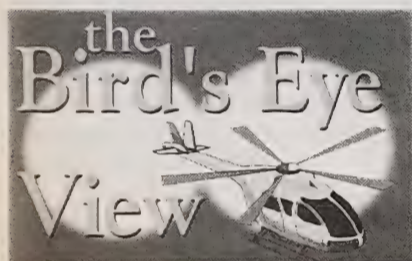
Hockey Update

Continued from last article, Alyssa **Wohlfeiler** (daughter of **Chuck** and **Dorothy**) traveled to Canada to compete

in the Quebec International PeeWee Tournament. Alyssa's team did quite well. The girls defeated teams from Mexico and France before being defeated by Quebec in the quarter finals. Congratulations, Alyssa! Alyssa is on the road again competing in the West Coast Regionals determined to move on to the Nationals. Let's hear it for the girls!

41-54 Club Update

SWAT old and new gathered once again in February for the annual SWAT dinner on February 25th at the Academia. Attendance was outstanding with major representation from the first generations SWAT guys (pre-Metro) to the not so old, including out-of-towners **Oki Myers**, the **Tyree** brothers, **George** and **Timothy** and **Dave**, and the real Silver Fox, **Cervantes**. Culminating the evening was the presentation for SWAT Officer of the Year and Sniper of the Year. Receiving top honors this year were **Steve Stear** (Officer) and **Ken Pickart** (Sniper). Congratulations, gentlemen.



by Jack H. Schonely
Air Support Division

Tactical Flight Officer Info

On March 6th, Officer **Renee Muro** completed her training and received her Tactical Flight Officer wings. Renee worked very hard to achieve this career goal. Her family and friends attended the wings ceremony on the deck of Hooper Heliport. It was great to see so many of our fellow officers from Newton Division in attendance. Renee left Newton as a III+1 and it was obvious on March 6th that her fellow officers already missed her. Renee will continue to have a positive impact on Newton, it

will just be from 500 feet above the ground. Congratulations, Renee, and welcome to Air Support Division.

Park the Helmets and Break Out the Hats

On March 1st Air Support Division put the flight suits away for a few hours and put on the Class A's for a divisional inspection. With a new A-Star and the Huey as a backdrop, the entire division stood tall on the flight deck. With leather gear spit shined, badges polished, and covers on, Deputy Chief **Davis** and Commander **Leap** inspected the troops. Capt. **Hillmann** and Lt. **Green** proudly escorted the command staff through the four ranks of ASD personnel. Photo ops followed the inspection including a divisional photo minus **Tim Gilbert** who was busy telling two LAFD Paramedics what day of the week it was. We are happy to report that Tim is doing fine and didn't miss a day of work. Photos of this incident might be in next month's article depending on how well Tim waxes my car.

If you are not a TV watcher, I strongly suggest you begin tuning in on Wednesday nights. In January, the USA Network launched a new reality series entitled "Combat Missions." The show for the literal world of the military and law enforcement, "Combat Missions" soars to the next level. A battery of combat simulation experts, unlimited resources and outstanding filming and superb pyrotechnic effects provide a gripping compilation of legitimate military scenarios in which elite military veterans and SWAT team personnel display their core potential, absolute determination, fortitude, honor and integrity. The California desert backdrop provides the necessary atmospheric extremes to bring Camp Windstorm to formation. The collected participants definitively demonstrate the ultra military expertise with representation from CIA Specials Ops to Marine Recon to Navy Seals to the elect SWAT element members. Four teams of six men each, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie (Team Chuck) and Delta, were randomly assembled from a pool of 750 applicants. Nothing short of praiseworthy, four of our SWAT team members were selected to participate in the ultimate concentration of opposition troops. Representing Los Angeles are Team Leaders **Bob**

Kain and **Ossie Crenshaw** and Element Members **Wilson Wong** and **Mark Jackson**. Also, working hard on the set as a Technical Advisor, former SWAT longevity member, **Donnie Anderson**. During each episode, or evolution, two teams compete against each other to complete the same mission as quickly and safely as possible. Points are deducted for the minutes used to accomplish the mission and if any team members are "killed." The losing team is required to give up a member and choose a new one from the "Dossier Room." It is, at times, intense, moving, and inspirational. The show will culminate with each team losing all but one member and those men will compete against each other until there is only one man left standing. It's an unquestionable shot in the arm and our guys are engaging in true battle sequences in exemplary fashion. The show will conclude in mid-April. You don't want to miss the finale mucho grande so tune in, set your Tivo and tell a friend.

Hello out there to **Dick Waak**, USMC Reserves (Activated) and his wife, **Joanie**.

Until next time, R-10girl, clear.

A Big ASD Thank You

Anyone visiting ASD will immediately notice four incredible photographs nicely framed in our lobby. The photographer is Tech Reserve **Glenn Grossman** of Metropolitan Division. For many years Glenn has been working with SWAT documenting with photographs and video exactly what they do. Recently, Glenn has been spending a great deal of time with us at USD photographing all aspects of our operation. Glenn's son, **Mike**, has also been assisting our training cadre on the use of Powerpoint. All of us at ASD greatly appreciate all of the time and effort of Glenn and Mike. Your contributions to the improvement of our division cannot truly be measured. Thank you very much for your support, talent, and expertise.

ASD Tip of the Month

With all of the recent changes in the radio system, new problems rise up on a weekly basis. One of the problems that we have observed occurs when units are in a neighboring division and are asked to go to that division's simplex frequency. The response has often been "how do we do that air ship?" All of the divisional simplex frequencies start with 100 followed by the divisional number. 101 is Central, 102 Rampart, 103 Southwest, etc. These frequencies must be entered into the ASTRO radio manually. All of you are doing a great job switching to simplex quickly as you arrive to a scene. Remember, do not be in a hurry to switch to a TAC frequency until any situation is stabilized. Always watch your six.

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

We live in an amazing age. For the last six months everything has been dark and foggy. Then one day snip, snip, snip (the SOB's didn't tell me I'd be awake!) and 24 hours later the world is full of clear, vibrant colors! Forgot those rectangular things on the freeways were green and had words on them...didn't know the new kitchen floor tile had brown speckles in it...and sure didn't notice all those wrinkles in the mirror!

So no more excuses for your friendly scribe. We can truly go back to calling 'em as we see 'em...

Pistol Season Gets Underway

The World Champion LAPRAAC Blue Pistol Team got its 2002 season underway with the Long Beach Police match on March 23-24. It's not too late for interested shooters to try out for the team...experienced sharpshooters are always welcome. Any sworn individuals interested in participating should contact Helen Paipietro at (213) 485-2126 or Steve Estrada at (213) 485-6910.

It's Scully Time Again

No...not the "X Files" Scully, "Vin"

Scully! The coming of April Fools Day means it's time for the start of the 2002 Intradepartmental Softball season. At our press deadline 21 teams had signed up to compete in the preseason tournament on March 20. League play is scheduled to begin April 9 with the Red Davis Tournament for the department title slated June 4-5.

Looking to dethrone defending champion Metro Division (coached by **Jim Quinlan**) are teams from Air Support (**Al Canche**), Central (**Richard Flores**), Central Traffic (**Mike Morales**), DARE (**Rich Wall**), Devonshire (**Ernie Fisher**), Foothill (**Julian Almaraz**), Harbor (**Dan Ornelas**), Hollenbeck (**Austin Fernald**), Narcotics (**Dante Palacio**), Newton (**Lauro Montes**), North Hollywood (**Todd Bogart**), Northeast (**Paul Williams**), Pacific (**Jerry Bautista**), Rampart (**Nate Baez**), Risk Management (**Joe Taloso**), South Traffic (**Mike Cummins**), Transit Bus (**Todd Waymire**), Van Nuys (**Randy Hoffmaster**), Valley Traffic (**Robert Hamilton**) and West Valley (**Tony Valadez**).

For more information on game schedules, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Speaking of Vin Scully...

LAPRAAC again has a great block of seats for upcoming Dodger games just across the street from the Elysian Park Academy. Seats, at \$15 per person, are located in the Inner Reserved Level between the dugouts. Supplies are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets can be purchased no less than ten days prior to game day at the LAPRAAC administrative office on the main floor of the Academy.

Available for April, May and June (all 7:10 p.m. starts unless noted) are:

- April 2 (opening day, 1:10 p.m.), 3 & 4 – San Francisco Giants
- April 6 – Colorado Rockies
- April 19 & 21 (1:10 p.m.) – San Diego Padres
- May 3 & 5 (5:10 p.m.) – Chicago Cubs
- May 14 – New York Mets
- May 17 – Montreal Expos
- May 27 (1:10 p.m.) & 29 (12:10 p.m.) – Milwaukee Brewers
- May 31, June 1 (1:10 p.m.) – Arizona Diamondbacks
- June 14 & 16 (1:10 p.m.) – Anaheim Angels
- June 19 – Toronto Blue Jays
- June 21 & 23 (1:10 p.m.) – Boston Red Sox

Colorado Rockies

The Academy Lounge will open at 1600 when the Dodgers are playing a night game at home. Be sure to stop by and enjoy a couple of \$1 hot dogs and \$1 beers before heading home to the stadium.

Centurion Football Season Begins...

Whether it's horsehide or pigskin there's plenty of LAPD sports action this month. The first game of the LAPD Centurion Football season will be played Saturday, April 6, against the Orange County Lawmen. Location (somewhere in Mickey Mouse's home turf) and time was not set at our press deadline.

The Centurions then travel up I-15 and kick off this year's Baker to Vegas Relay with a weekend opening game on Friday, April 19, against the South Bay Blue Knights. The 7:15 pm contest will be played at Durango High school, 7100 W. Dewey Drive, in Las Vegas.

For game time and location on April 6, or for other information on the Centurion football program, contact Angie Roman or Sara Faden at Public Affairs or log onto www.LAPDCenturions.com.

More Sports Beat on next page

Registration Deadline Nears for 2002 CA Police and Fire Games

Department athletes wishing to compete in this year's California Police and Fire Games have only a few short days left to register—April 16 is the postmark date for all entry forms.

The 36th annual games, held June 16-22 in freeway-close Orange County, will attract nearly 10,000 law enforcement athletes competing in over 60 sports. Conceived by San Diego PD's Duke Nyhus and LAPD legend **Bob Burke** back in 1967, the games have spawned similar events in many other states and the World Police and Fire Games. Firefighters were added to the competition for the turn of the century games in 2000.

Contests in sports ranging from surfing to pistol, archery to bowling, and wrist wrestling to softball will be held at various venues throughout the greater Orange County region. Sponsors of the 2002 games are the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Police Department.

Net proceeds, including any leftover

supplies and equipment, will be donated to local charitable organizations. Beneficiaries for the 2002 games are the Santa Ana Police Officers Association Widows and Orphans Fund, Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana, Orangewood Children's Home, DARE and the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation of Orange County.

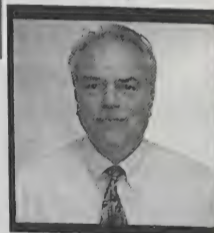
As always, LAPD plans to have a large contingent flood the Santa Ana and San Diego Freeways to defend the department's reputation for having the greatest competitors in law enforcement athletics. Registration is easily accomplished by accessing the 2002 games Web site: www.pafg2002.org/about.htm. There are a number of links covering every aspect of this year's events, including special hotel rates and official merchandise.

For specific LAPD-related Summer Games information contact Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218/219.

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NYPD Runners to Honor Heroes of 9/11 at Baker to Vegas Relay April 20-21

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

Paying tribute to their own lost comrades, and to all who gave their lives on that tragic day last September, the New York Police Department Running Club will honor the heroes of 9/11 at the upcoming Baker to Vegas Relay. They

will be joined by 209 other teams, representing nearly every LAPD and L.A. Sheriff's Dept. unit, numerous local and state agencies, the United States Marines and teams from as far away as Oregon, Texas and Canada. The 18th Annual Challenge Cup, produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic

Club, takes place on April 20-21.

In a city known for having as many stories as it has citizens (eight million at the latest count), Sgt. Tom Biggers (who coordinates the NYPD Running Club) provided a few about members of the NYPD Running Club and their involvement that fateful morning:

"Officer John Perry was working his last tour of duty before retirement...in fact he was in the pension section offices filling out his exit documents. He ran five blocks to the World Trade Center and was helping people to safety when he lost his life. John is one of the thousands of people, including about 15 NYPD officers, who are still missing in action."

He also provided a few accounts of those runners who will be making the trip to the Baker to Vegas Relay:

"Det. Tim Morley, who is participating in the Baker to Vegas relay, assisted emergency service personnel with evacuations as well as assisting firefighters on the upper floors of the north tower. When the first tower went, he was up on the 50th floor but was just able to get out in time. Tim sustained numerous injuries and was out of work nearly a month." Biggers continued, "Det. Patricia O'Brien is assigned to coordinate the forensics search at Fresh Kills Landfill, where all debris is being inspected. Det. Tim O'Neill has spent nearly every working day at Ground Zero as a detective on the site."

"I could go on and on," said Biggers (assigned to the New York County District Attorney's office). "The wounds are still fresh. Just about every team member who will be coming to the race has been at Ground Zero (the World Trade Center) in some capacity, involved

in either the rescue and/or recovery efforts. Many of us spent endless days there."

In addition to the NYPD runners, a special squad from the United States Marines in Camp Pendleton, team #911, will compete to honor the men and women in uniform who risk their lives to protect those of us on the home front. Over 7,500 runners and support personnel are expected to participate, culminating when the first runner crosses the finish line at the Rio Suites and Convention Center around 0730 on Sunday, April 21.

Metro Division and the LAPD Women's Team are looking to repeat as winners in their respective categories. Metro has won three of the last four races and LAPD teams five of the last six events. Training/Air Support holds the record (set in 1996) of 12:41:29 for the 120-mile course.

Climax of the two-day extravaganza, which also features a Law Enforcement Expo, is the awards ceremony Sunday night...followed by an all-night blast at the Pub and Brewery in the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino. The party will feature food, drink, live music, dancing and fun...as well as an opportunity drawing. Only a limited number of tickets are available at a pre-sale price of \$25, and can be purchased at the LAPRAAC administrative office (Elysian Park Academy). There's no guarantee tickets will be available at the door so now's the time to act.

KTTV Fox 11 News Anchor Christine Divine is among the celebrities serving as master of ceremonies at awards. This year's major sponsors include Russell Athletics (official clothing manufacturer), the Los Angeles Sheriff's Athletic Association (awards ceremony sponsor), and Huntington Transcription Services (bib sponsor). At our press deadline, negotiations were still underway for television coverage of the race.

Official Baker to Vegas Relay merchandise, including t-shirts, jackets, caps, coffee mugs, sweatshirts, and thong underwear (not a joke!) is available at the Elysian Park Academy Store or on the Internet at www.lapraac.com.

For up-to-the-minute race information, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800 or visit the race Web site at www.bakerveregas.com.



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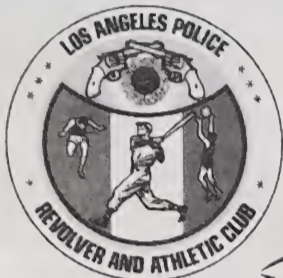
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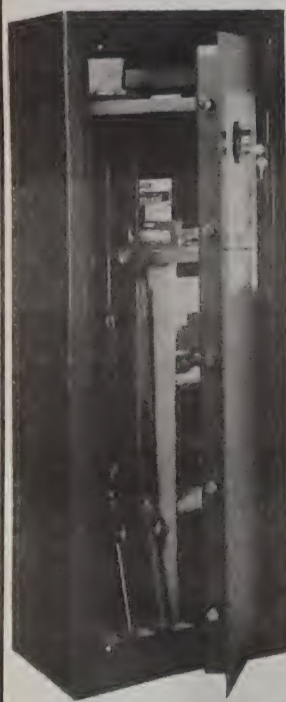
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Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering Motor Team assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available, plus partial expense reimbursement provision.

Motor Team Coordinator

Gary Krystof (LAPD Reserve) — **(818) 366-9431**

motorteam@prodigy.net

Motor Team — Supervisor Arizona/Nevada Area

Dick Studdard (LAPD Retired) — **(928) 776-9172**

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I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about one of the number one killers of children today, "Leukemia." It also affects ten times as many adults. This year alone it will strike over 100,000 Americans. In 1997 Leukemia took the life of one of our finest officers, Detective Nancy Dyer. For those of you that did not have the opportunity to know Nancy, let me share a little bit about her.

I entered the academy 21 years ago and I met Nancy who was part of the Physical Training, Self-Defense Unit. She was such an inspiration that I made it my goal to become a Physical Training, Self-Defense instructor. She was full of life and a naturally gifted athlete. After the academy, I had the opportunity to become friends with her and compete with her in soccer, Police Olympics, Baker to Vegas, and as a member of the International Running Team. Nancy competed until she was no longer able.

In memory of Nancy, on June 2, 2002, I will be running the "Rock and Roll Marathon" for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I have committed myself to raising \$1,900 to help in the battle against these devastating diseases. Can you please support me by contributing generously to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society? Seventy-five percent of all funds go directly to research in finding a cure. Your contribution is tax deductible and would be greatly appreciated. Make your check payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and send them to my attention at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, Stop 996.

With my sincere thanks,

Annette Olivas

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Soccer Program Looking for a Few Good Players

by Don Barfield

In an off-duty capacity, LAPD officers have been involved in recreational as well as tournament soccer play since the late 1970s. Department soccer teams have participated in a multitude of charity events for abused children and fallen officers.

LAPD teams are recognized by their peers as some of the finest law enforcement squads in the nation and have an excellent reputation internationally (Canada, Mexico, Scandinavia, etc.). The program is divided into two sections—the "A" team managed by **Hugo Cepeida** (Juvenile Narcotics) and "B" team managed by **Don Barfield** (Narcotics).

We extend an offer for any officer to join the soccer program. There are varied skill levels and competition at both the highest level ("A" team) as well as recreational level ("B" team). Due to attrition the program is in need of new players. Two major law enforcement tournaments are just around the corner—the L.A. County Sheriff's event this May in Whittier and the California Police and Fire Games in Santa Ana starting June 16.

Prospective players are urged to contact either Barfield (work: 562-462-3982; Pager: 800-310-3189; or e-mail: dbarfield@lajdig.org) or Cepeida (work: 213-485-6550; Pager: 626-580-4131).

DARE Seeks Fourth Straight Title as Basketball Playoffs Underway

Hoping to establish itself as the department's preeminent basketball dynasty, the hoopsters from DARE are looking to catapult themselves into a fourth straight victory in the Captain Al Nelson tournament for the LAPD championship.

When the dust settled after end of league play in mid-February, DARE found itself atop the "A" League with a 7-2 record with Rampart #1 in the bridesmaid spot at 5-4.

In the "B" League Southwest #1, which took DARE to the final game in last year's tourney, finished a stellar season at 8-1 (winning their first eight games of the season). Training Division, at 5-2, took second in league play.

Over in the "C" League Internal Affairs and Hollywood #2 tied for the title in Pool 1 with 6-1 records. Southeast #2 finished third at 6-2.

Northeast, playing in "C" League Pool 2, was the only LAPD team to complete the year unsullied, finishing 8-0. Pacific and Metro #2 tied for second at 6-2.

Playoffs in all three leagues began in mid-March (past our press deadline for this issue) and were expected to finish by the end of the month. We'll have complete coverage of the battle for the 2001-02 LAPD intradepartmental basketball championship in the May issue of *The Thin Blue Line*.

FINAL 2001-2002 LAPD BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

| "A" LEAGUE | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|---------------|---|---|------|-------|
| DARE #1 | 7 | 2 | .778 | — |
| RAMPART #1 | 5 | 4 | .556 | 2 |
| PARKER CENTER | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2-1/2 |
| 77TH STREET | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2-1/2 |
| SOUTHEAST #1 | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3-1/2 |
| CENTRAL #1 | 3 | 6 | .333 | 4 |

| "B" LEAGUE | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|---|---|------|-------|
| SOUTHWEST #1 | 8 | 1 | .889 | — |
| TRAINING | 5 | 2 | .714 | 2 |
| NEWTON | 6 | 3 | .667 | 2 |
| METRO #1 | 6 | 3 | .667 | 2 |
| FOOTHILL | 3 | 3 | .500 | 3-1/2 |
| WILSHIRE #1 | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| RAMPART #2 | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |
| HARBOR | 2 | 5 | .286 | 5 |
| NO. HOLLYWOOD #1 | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5-1/2 |
| WEST VALLEY | 0 | 5 | .000 | 6 |

| "C" LEAGUE - POOL 1 | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|---------------------|---|---|------|-------|
| INTERNAL AFFAIRS | 6 | 1 | .857 | — |
| HOLLYWOOD #2 | 6 | 1 | .857 | — |
| SOUTHEAST #2 | 6 | 2 | .750 | —1/2 |
| HOLLENBECK | 4 | 3 | .571 | 2 |
| SOUTH TRAFFIC | 3 | 3 | .500 | 2-1/2 |
| CENTRAL #2 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 3 |
| DARE #2 | 2 | 4 | .333 | 3-1/2 |
| WILSHIRE VICE | 2 | 6 | .250 | 4-1/2 |

| "C" LEAGUE - POOL 2 | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|-------|
| NORTHEAST | 8 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| PACIFIC | 6 | 2 | .750 | 2 |
| METRO #2 | 6 | 2 | .750 | 2 |
| RAMPART #3 | 5 | 3 | .625 | 3 |
| TRANSIT | 4 | 3 | .571 | 3-1/2 |
| SOUTHWEST #2 | 3 | 4 | .429 | 4-1/2 |
| CAPTAINS & ABOVE | 3 | 5 | .375 | 5 |
| NEWTON VICE | 1 | 7 | .250 | 7 |
| CENTRAL TRAFFIC | 0 | 6 | .000 | 7 |



2002 Game Schedule

The LAPD Centurions play football for kids.

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The morning begins at 0700 with late registration, followed by a one-mile fun run/walk (ages 12 and under) at 0815, 3-mile individual race (open to all comers) at 0845, memorial service at 0930, and 15-mile team relay (full-time department employees only) starting at 0945. Top three winners in all categories will receive awards. Entry fee (includes a t-shirt) is \$15 for the one-mile walk/run, \$25 for the 3-mile run, and \$125 for the relay (five runners per team).

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Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

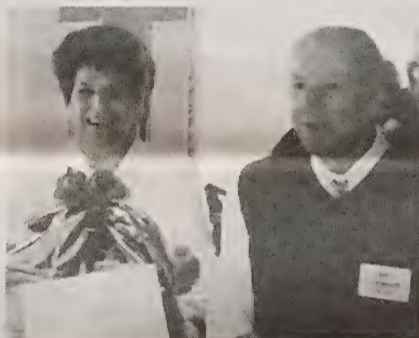
by Dave Aikins

Greetings to all of you from us Fuzz folks who reside on the beautiful Central Coast. By this printing we will have had our first luncheon of the year at the Inn at Morro Bay, held back on March 21st. I'll include the highlights of that event next time.

Like the rest of California and most of the nation, we have had less rain than normal resulting in a mild springtime. It's a great place to retire to, but hurry, as home prices are high. The Fuzz's own **Melissa Watkins** advises that it's difficult to find a home under \$300,000 in SLO County.

Focus on the Fuzz

At a time when our nation is engaged in a war, one of our Fuzz members qualifies as a real World War II combat veteran. **Joe Cornwell**, #5470, was a Navy



Myrl and Joe Cornwell

aviator who flew over 75 combat missions in the Pacific Theater during the war against the Japanese forces.

Joe was born in Prescott, Arizona, in 1920 and moved to North Hollywood, Calif., as a child. After attending local schools, he joined the Navy in September, 1941, just before the attack on Pearl Harbor. Joe completed Aviation Mechanics School and was assigned as an instructor. He subsequently put in for flight training in 1943 and began his extensive basic and advanced flight training in F2F Brewster Buffalo fighters and F4F Wildcats. Joe's flight training took him many places including Texas, Florida, Washington and California. In 1944 he shipped overseas to Hawaii and was assigned to the Escort Carrier *Steamer Bay* as part of America's Pacific Fleet. Joe flew Hellcat fighters in support of U.S. Marines and Army invasion forces at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Philippines. He has vivid memories of those brave men on the ground fighting against entrenched fanatical enemy forces.

After his active military service, Cornwell joined the LAPD in April, 1948. Upon graduating from the Academy, he went undercover at Central Division's Vice Unit, dealing with gambling and prostitution enforcement. He later worked patrol in North Hollywood and Foothill Divisions, Accident Investigation Division and was a weapons instructor at the Police Academy. His LAPD career was interrupted by a military recall during the Korean War in 1951 where he was utilized as a flight instructor and transport

pilot. He remained a member of the LAPD and in 1953 he married his lovely wife, **Myrl**, whom he had met in New Orleans. Joe spent a total of 23 years in active and reserve duty serving his country.

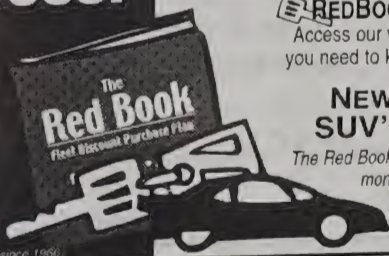
During his patrol time in Foothill Division, Joe responded to a "Man with a gun" call. He deployed to the rear of the location, wherein the suspect, while inside the residence, shot Joe in the chest with a handgun. Fortunately, the wound was not serious and Joe survived without a major injury, unlike the suspect's head wound that was classified as terminal.

Joe retired from the Academy in January, 1974, and went to work for the various horse racing tracks until 1991 when he fully retired. He and Myrl had lived in the San Fernando Valley and decided to move up to Santa Maria. They designed and built a beautiful home that they live in today. They have two sons, Joe, Jr., and Rene and one grandchild who all reside in California. In their retirement years the Cornwells have traveled extensively throughout the United States. Joe doesn't golf like he used to, but he is an avid reader, especially of military history. Joe was also a past president of the Fuzz that Wuzz, and along with Myrl, attends the functions on a regular basis.

Thanks, Joe Cornwell for your outstanding service to your country, protecting the freedom that we all enjoy.

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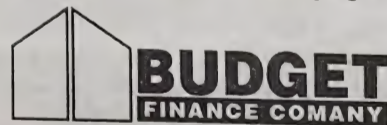
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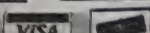
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Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

MEL-BOARD SCORE: 98 down and 2 to go!!

Hooray! Surely but slowly Old Blue co-captain **Mel Sandvig** is reeling in his personal goal of completing 100 marathons. From Boston to Los Angeles, Mel has conquered most of America's well known (and a few not so well known) marathons. Last month on March 3rd, he tucked away number 98 at the 17th running of the Los Angeles Marathon with a very nifty time of 3:52. Congratulations, Mel! Most of us wish that we still had all of the stamina and horsepower of yesterday to run along with you.

The winner of the 2002 L.A. Marathon was also the winner last year. Mr. Stephen Ndungu broke the tape with a sterling mark of 2:10:27. In fact, the first five overall finishers were all male, were all from Kenya and only seven minutes and eleven seconds separated numero uno from numero cinco. I'm impressed. In fact, I'm not too sure as to classify that as manpower or horsepower since rough n' tough that's around 14 mph. We're going to have to start listening to those of us who had partners from down on the farm in Iowa as Stephen is a farmer in Kenya. I guess that life on the farm isn't too bad after all... I mean how tough is it to do your plowing with a Toyota or two as well as the \$25K that Stephen picked up for harvesting the streets of L.A. each year. Congrats, Stephen, 'cause it sure ain't as easy as it looks.

Nevertheless, all of us wannabees took advantage of a gorgeous, gorgeous workout day on March 3rd to enjoy a super practice. Most of us then followed it up with a swell breakfast at the golf course where we were also able to rehash a lot of current and not so current events especially subjects like I wonder whatever happened to good old whatshisname? Seriously, it's really amazing how many of our old pals and partners after a couple of years or so just sort of seem to disappear off the face of the earth. Maybe they're all in Iowa making lots of bucks on soy beans or maybe they've all gone to Kenya teaching the locals how to run. Who knows, but it's a laugh and a giggle recalling many events of years ago that seemed so serious at the time but are now absolutely hilarious and as Paul Harvey says, "And now you know the rest of the story!" Thank you, Paul. The keepers of the faith were Old Blue co-captain **Chuck McTaggart**, **Pat Dailey**, **Phil Booth**, **Mike Cherry**, **Bill Estes**, **Bob Carter**, **Mike Arroyo**, **John Martin**, **Jay Hernando**, **Rudy DeLeon**, **George Beck**, **Corky Rochlitz**, **Virginia Van Houtte**, **Mike McKean** and **Bob Espinosa**. We are ready, willing and able for this month's Baker to Vegas

Relay race, quite possibly the greatest race in the world, if not the entire universe. We hope to see all of you other guys out there having a super time AND as your retirement day draweth nigh, come on over and say hello to your future teammates on Old Blue. C-U there. Have a safe trip, and we wish you the best for a big victory! Our hospitality room is at the Rio.

P.S., I wonder if Kenyan cops ever retire, or maybe even transfer? Hmmm.

Speaking of beans, bucks and farm boys, guess which one of yesterday's heroes and everyone's friend is at home recovering from a smallish stroke? Why none other than the pride of Champagne, Illinois, retired Capt. **Bill Swihart**. You may want to give him a call at 702-293-6861 in Nevada. But whatever you do, his doctor has requested that you not mention phrases like "a flush beats a full house or John Deere tractors last forever." It seems to retard his wellness program. In a phone chat with "the policeman's policeman," he said he's making good progress and can even shuffle a deck of the cardboards, so you know he's getting right along on the road to recovery. Everyone's praying for a fast and full "return to duty" for you, Bill, and I don't know a one of them that wouldn't vote for you as COP. God bless you, partner, and lookin' forward to seeing you soon.

Meantime, back on the ranch... Whoa, stop, no more farm, farms or farmer wisecracks. Okay, okay, I was only kidding. How's this? Passover, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Daylight Savings Time and my dad's 100th birthday (March 28th) have all come and gone. The old Irishman was a teenager on the farm (whoops) in Nova Scotia, Canada, when he said adios, ma, and headed for his Uncle Ed's farm (oops) near Bridgeport, Conn., where he also built rifles for a while at Remington Arms. He was 16 years old when he crossed the border, so isn't that some kind of a 600a, WIC violation or something similar? Anyway, he didn't like American f---s any better than he did Canadian f---s, so he joined the U.S. Marines. I think we might all agree that it was certainly patriotic of him to defend his newly but unofficially adopted country. On the other hand, his dad, my grandfather, was a Major in the Canadian Army and at that moment his mailing address was "somewhere in France." And to show you how patriotic grandpa was, he had brought my dad's older brother, my Uncle Claude, along with him to France. But the truth be known, Uncle Claude didn't have too much choice inasmuch as he was a sergeant in grandpa's regiment and had already been shot as well as gassed by the Kaiser's troops. And you thought Audie Murphy was a tough little Irishman. (He sure was!)

Now, however, getting back to my dad. As soon as he raised his right hand to be sworn in, and quicker than he could say Semper Fidelis, he found himself doing pushups at Parris Island and shooting consecutive bulls-eyes as if he owned the target on the rifle range. But the war was now over and he was assigned to the Marine Detachment on board the USS Pennsylvania (BB-38), which, of course, was the sister ship to the most famous battleship in the world, the USS Arizona (BB-39).

Skipping ahead to fast forward, on March 11, 1927, mom and dad got married in New York City but they both forgot one very important little detail. Have you figured it out? Yup, you're right. They were both undocumented aliens and neither had spilled the beans to the other. As you might imagine, dad told a couple of, shall we say, little white ones about his place of birth, his date of birth and who really signed his enlistment papers. Mom finally copped out that she had been born in the Virgin Islands and was raised by her old auntie who was Danish. She and auntie then walked across the border at Buffalo, New York, and that was that.

America later bought the Virgin Islands from Denmark in 1917 and that made their whole situation even loopier but more about that later on.

They're both buried together in the Veteran's Cemetery at Point Loma down in San Diego. Dad went first and was buried on my birthday, August 29, 1966. Mom passed in January, 1982, just past her 80th birthday, an Alzheimer's victim. We all know that there are cemeteries and then there are cemeteries, but their plot is in such a beautiful location that had it been a civilian park we could not have afforded it. When the KIAs began coming home from Vietnam in large numbers that year, Point Loma filled to capacity so fast that the large circular lawn at the main entrance was pressed into service. If you are ever there and have the time or the inclination, take a look at the headstone that is almost smack dab exactly in the center of the lawn and about five rows below the Stars and Stripes. That's mom and dad; a Marine and his girlfriend. My name is the same as his and so is my birthplace, New York. But not really. His should say Canada or even Connecticut on his

stone. No matter now and what's the difference? The point, of course, is that though he was not born here, he was ready to die for this country. And what is also important is that this is another farm boy, another patriot if you will who thought that freedom was so important that he was determined to get to this country, prepared to give his all in defense of those freedoms. Standing by their grave and looking on down over San Diego harbor, Coronado and the surf crashing all the way down to Mexico is spectacular. But I'm sure that the folks, dad especially, would much rather enjoy the sight of Old Glory as she flies night and day at the top of a 40 foot flagpole. At about 75 to 100 feet elevation on Point Loma, the wind is always blowing in off the ocean and the flag is usually standing just about straight out as you might see in a painting. Within 30 feet are the graves of two Medal of Honor winners. One is from the Spanish-American War and the other is an officer from the World War II aircraft carrier USS Franklin. Two heroes among many others who made it possible that the rest of us could enjoy the rights and the freedoms that we have today and of which we so often take for granted. But very challenging times are on the horizon and who knows which ones of us are gong to be called to defend this great country of ours. Which ones of us will be called to keep Old Glory flying forever? The answer is probably all of us. The city boys and the farm boys. The runners and the patriots. The new Americans and the native born. Believe me, when the FBI came to our little NYC apartment that day during World War II and told the folks that all good intentions aside, the government would appreciate it if they would officially convert their proud allegiance to the red, white and blue, they got right on it. Point is, you can't take it for granted like freedom is always going to be free, so you can get around to it when you can. If we're asleep at the switch, you can bet somebody will close the switch down.

Thank you very much for letting me share some of my feelings with you about America, and as that most famous American songwriter, Irving Berlin, said in his most famous song: God bless America!!

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Well here it is, a quarter of 2002 is here. Does it seem like the older you get the faster time flies?

Hell, I'll be 100 before you know it, and I still have a lot I have not done. I'll put a stop to that. I just won't have any more birthdays. Well I hear **Bill Goldsberry** has reached the 30-30 mark and now belongs to the elite club. He spent 30 years on the Department and he now has been retired 30 years. They told us when we first started the Academy, that most policemen retire after 20 years of service and live about five years after retirement. Well, most of us have sure made liars out of that statement. This April 15th will mark my 29th year of retirement. Where has the time gone? I am thankful that I feel great. I am sure glad I took those treatments. Since I took them, I just keep going and going. Have been going to Laughlin so much the employees in the clubs are calling me by my first name. Spent seven days in Las Vegas. Had not been there in 25 years. Was I surprised—could not believe my eyes. And I advise anyone going to Vegas don't miss the after dusk light show on Fremont Street. IT is awesome. Goes every hour on the hour.

How would you all like to be back at LAPD and have to work under the present Chief of Police? How things have changed. It used to be that you had to take a test, both written, and you had to appear before three top-ranking officers

for an oral and the best man got the job. Then politics entered the picture and supervisors seem to have the say-so on who will be the chief. And if you cry long and loud enough one gets appointed just to satisfy the, well, you know who. I for one think it is wrong, but then they didn't ask me.

Some things change but I like the old system. We got the best—**Parker, Reddin and Gates**. Then the department became political and we ended up with an outsider, Wee Willie Williams. Wouldn't Dr. Vance have had a field day with that guy, and now the Department has Parks. No wonder the officers are leaving LAPD for better jobs in outlying towns. We even have two ex-LAPD here in Hemet. I asked them why they left LAPD and you should have heard the language they used. I asked "How did you like working under Parks? I hear he is a nice guy." (Just kidding of course.) I thought they were going to arrest me and throw me in jail. I only hope L.A. wakes up before it is too late and goes back to the old system of appointing the Chief of Police. **Lyle Strand** is coming along pretty good after his multi surgeries. Saw **Sam Johnson** and he looks great after his medical problems. Haven't heard from **Dick Briggs**. He had just gone through another operation for lung cancer. Boy that poor guy has had a rough time, but he always bounces back. That is what determination will do for you. Some just give up.

Sherry and Al Santor are just about

ready to take off for their summer home in Gladstone, Oregon. Sure must be nice to be able to winter in Palm Desert and summer in the northwest. I applied for the job of being their chauffeur while in the desert. Al told me I was too old. Oh well, guess I'll have to be satisfied with going to Laughlin about every two months and then back to the empty house.

Been playing a lot of Bingo. February 1st I won free Bingo for the whole month. Had to go every night at 9:00 San Manuel in San Bernardino (Indian Casino). Only won twice, \$500 each time. So you can imagine I am Bingoed out. Don't care if I see another Bingo parlor for a long time. And now hear this: I am going to repeat it one more time.

The Anchor Restaurant had to raise the cost of our meal at our luncheon. It will now cost \$12.00 per person including tax and tip. If you bring your spouse or girlfriend, it will be another \$12.00. No senior citizen discount. Club dues are still only \$5.00. That is for the whole family and is due at the first of each year.

And would you believe, there are still some retirees who don't pay. So it has been suggested that the club drop anyone who is over one year in arrears. So I am starting the suggestion in motion this year. You all have been good this year. Most of you have paid up. I hate to have to drop people, but it takes money to run this club and you all seem to like it, so I want to keep it going. It is good therapy for all of us old folk. I meant to say young folk. Please forgive me, God grant me the senility to forget the people I don't like, and the good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and the eyesight to know the difference.

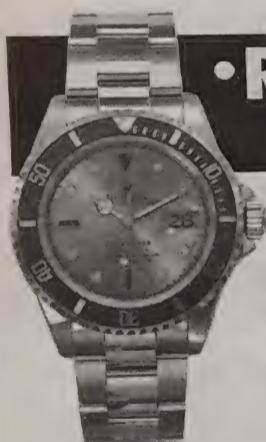
Remember the next luncheon is on Wednesday, April 10th, at the Anchor Restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave., in God's waiting room, Hemet, Calif. Tariff is \$12.00 per person. Get your reservations in by April 7th.

So remember, buckle up, be careful. It's a jungle out there. Oh yes, if you've forgotten my phone number, to my friends it is 909-925-4491; to my enemies it is 911.

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Pacific Northwest LAPD Retirees

by Alan Priest

The 19th Annual Pacific Northwest Retiree's Champagne Brunch on April 28, 2002, will be at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon, located on I-5, Exit 286, 15 minutes south of Portland. Brunch will begin at 11:00 a.m.

We had 38 attendees at last year's

OR), **Bob Hunter** (Vancouver, WA), **Tim Yost** (Graham, WA), **Carl and Nancy Robinson** (Freeland, WA), **Daisy Stautsenberger** (Waldport, OR), **Gary Barrett** (Ocean Shores, WA), **Alan and Sandy Priest** (Salem, OR), **Pat Jollotta** (Vancouver, WA), **Art Haversat** (Port Angeles, WA), **Dave and Sandy Oswalt** (Springfield, OR), **Chuck and Laura**



reunion. Newcomers to our annual brunch were: **Bill and Shirley Walmsley** (Salem, OR), **Lloyd and Jill Martin** (Dallas, OR), **Frank and Karen Clatanoff** (Sequim, WA), **Phil and Arlene Sadlier** (Jacksonville, OR), **Richard "Skip" Mulligan** (Salem, OR), **Fanchon Blake** (Eugene, OR), **Leonard Wiley** (Port Angeles, WA), **Jack Chiquet** (Sequim, WA). Those who joined us again were: **Harold and Juandeane Skidmore** (Monmouth,

Geble (Vancouver, WA), **Ernest and Mary Neumann** (Gig Harbor, WA), **Robert Griffin** (Lebanon, OR), **Norm and Virginia Klesper** (Grants Pass, OR), **Tim and Tish Bowen** (Olympia, WA), **Ken DeWeber** (Pasco, WA), and **Fred and Eloise Day** (Olympia, WA).

We look forward to seeing all of you at our next reunion and invite others to join us in the greatest of all fellowships, LAPD retirees.

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

February brought lots of newcomers out to enjoy the desert and the hospitality of the Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club! Among them were **Larry Moore**, retired in 1995 from Training Division; **John Rogers**, retired in 1995 from Robbery Homicide Division; **Tom Holmes**, retired in 1993 from Commission Investigation Division; and **Tom Roberts**, retired in 1981 from Central Detectives. **Mike McGann** had guests visiting from Sun Valley, Idaho. Hope all of you had a great time and come back again.

This was the last tournament to be hosted by **Al and Sharon Fried** at Woodhaven Country Club before they move to their new home in Henderson, Nevada and they really outdid themselves on their "last hurrah"! Woodhaven is always a favorite among out members, both for the golf course and the food. That pasta buffet is the greatest!

Golf prizes were awarded to the teams of **Bill Rodgers, Jim Miller, Tim Dotson and Gerry Wittman** for first place; **Marv Cooper, Bud Lindsay, Tony and Linda Davis** for second; **Cliff Hodge, Rick Hodge, Tony Loniero and Marilyn Elliot** for third; and **Jack and Deane Garrison and Bill and Natalie Costleigh** for fourth. Congratulations! Al also acknowledged

the oldest golfer present, **Pete Brautovitch**, at 76; and the youngest, **Rick Hodge**, at 35. See, there's something for everyone in this group.

Don Ham, Gary Guthrie, Tamara Aselin, Karen Dumbauld, Jim Verwys, Barbara Rogers, Dori Besel, Rick Hodge and Linda Murphy were among the lucky people who won some wonderful door prizes donated by **Chuck and Lynn Labrow**, Vicky's of Santa Fe, and Woodhaven Country Club.

We all sang "Happy Birthday" and ate birthday cake in honor of **Don Ham's 82nd!**

Upcoming events to mark on your calendars are: April 26th, golf and dinner at Sun City hosted by the **Grays**. May 23rd, golf and dinner at Palm Desert Resort hosted by **Jim Verwys**. The summer is kind of tentative right now, but we are looking forward to September which will be at Mission Lakes hosted by **Gary and Sandy Guthrie**.

A great big "Thank You" to **Al Fried** for his years of leadership of this organization. He was one of the founders eight years ago and has given lots of hours to making it the great club that it is. He will be missed. And who, you may ask, will step in to fill his shoes? It will take three people — a "triad" of **Char Reming, Sandi Palmer, and Elayne Gray**. Wish us luck.

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You are invited to the 19th Annual Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, Idaho) LAPD Retiree's Champagne Brunch

Sunday, April 28, 11 AM
Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Oregon
Located on I-5, Exit 286, 15 minutes south of downtown Portland. Just follow the signs for the Holiday Inn.

Cost is \$25.00 per person including the tip and bottomless champagne!!!
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RETIREMENT NEWS

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on April 17, 2002, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time, so you may arrive any-time after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until 11:00 when lunch orders are taken.

We had 29 members present at the February 20th luncheon. The following were at the lunch: **Bob Baker** (7839), **Don Barnett** (7433), **Barney Boronich** (3861), **Ken Brondell** (3336), **Frances Davidson**, **Jim Davis** (14365), **Emmett Drennen**, (3279), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Fedderson** (4823), **Mel Harner** (4501), **John Kepke** (4603), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **George Moore** (10565), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Bob Pawling** (7556), **Bill Regan** (1681), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Richard** (Dutch) **Reynolds** (7815), **Dale Rickards**

(3593), **Duane** (Whitey) **Ryburn** (3981), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Forest** (6713) and **Fran Sloan**, **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Jim Trax** (6185), and **Marion Yates**.

It may be a bit early but I am informing you of our annual barbecue at Dale Rickard's ranch. It will be on October 20th this year so mark your planners and put it on your schedule to attend.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Even though 35 is the capacity of our reserved room, more can be accommodated in the bar room area. We missed a lot of the regulars in February, so hope to see you in April. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Dates to Remember

| April | | Event Time/ Social | Meal |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| April 4 | J.D. Furr | 1500 | |
| April 4 | Rick Gillette, Kendrick Knox & Louis Merritt | 1800 | 1900 |
| April 5 | Art Zorilla | 1700 | 1800 |
| April 6 | LAPD Night @ L.A. Kings Hockey | 1900 | |
| April 10 | Inland Blue Line | 1100 | 1200 |
| April 17 | Valley Retired Blues | 1030 | |
| April 19 | Centurions Baker to Vegas Bowl, Las Vegas | 1915 | |
| April 20-21 | Baker-to-Vegas Run | | |
| April 25 | Mike Mejia | 1700 | 1800 |
| April 26 | Coachella Valley Blue Line Golf Club at Sun City | | |
| April 26 | Sandy Wasson | 1700 | |
| April 28 | Pacific Northwest Retirees Champagne Brunch | 1100 | |
| May | | | |
| May 10 | Ron Waters | Golf 1200 | Dinner 1800 |
| May 17 | Dennis P. Zine | 1730 | 1830 |
| May 13-19 | National Police Week (see page 22 for local, state and national schedules of ceremonies) | | |
| May 11 | LAPD Memorial Run Dockweiler Beach | 0700 | |
| May 18 | LAPD Police/Celebrity Golf Tournament | 1000 | |
| May 1-31 | League Dental Open Enrollment | | |

77TH STREET DIVISION 20TH ANNUAL REUNION GOLF TOURNAMENT

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| D-II Ross T. Arai 13920 Detective Support | 33 |
| P-II+2 Michael J. Cummins 14822 South Traffic | 33 |
| D-III Arturo A. Zorilla 14880 Detective Support | 33 |
| SGT-I+2 Dennis P. Zine 14428 Personnel | 33 |
| SGT-I Amos J. Lowder 16286 Southwest | 31 |
| P-III James Schmidt 16378 Narcotics | 31 |
| SGT-II Rick Faulkner 16495 Hollenbeck | 31 |
| C-II Sandy Wasson 16746 Transit Rail | 30 |
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| P-II+2 Thomas P. White 17105 Central Traffic | 30 |
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May 17, 2002
Vic's Rap Sheet

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Central Patrol: 6/57-5/58
77th Div. Patrol: 5/58-1966
(The Works "Young Cars", "Vic",
"Started 2 Cars")
Jr. & 77th Det.: 1966-7/68
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Dinner: 7:30 P.M.
At the
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FCD (213) 485-4131

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The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A... Retirement Reception Honoring... CAPTAIN II **Sandy Wasson** #16746

TRANSPORT DIVISION
Sandy's Rap Sheet

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April 26, 2002
5PM
In the
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Hours of drinks, and gift

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"Shootin' Newton"
Homicide Unit
APRIL 4, 2002
15:00 Hrs
AT
The Los Angeles
Police Academy
1880 N. Academy Dr.
Los Angeles, Ca

J.D.'s Rap Sheet

10-66 Academy
01-67 77th Div.
26-68 A1 Div.
12-69 Metro Div.
01-71 P5 Metro Div.
09-72 77th Div.
01-73 Newton Div.
12-73 INV-1 Newton Div.
08-75 INV-2 Newton Div.
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1/6-02 EOW
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Robbery/Homicide Div.
Mike's Rap Sheet

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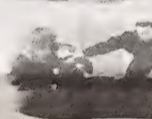
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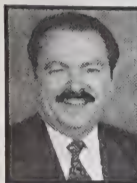
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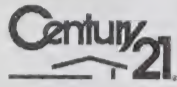


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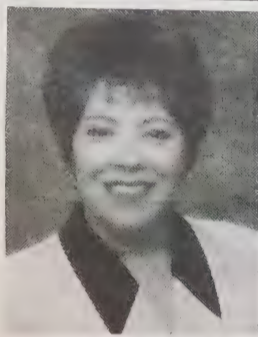
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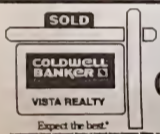
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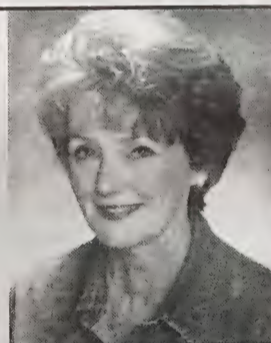
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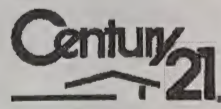
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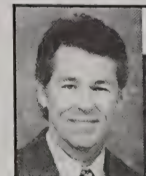
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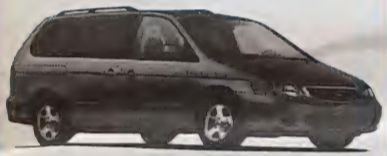
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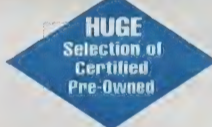
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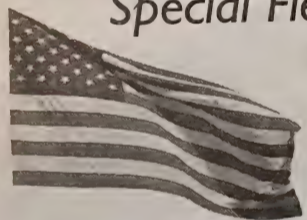
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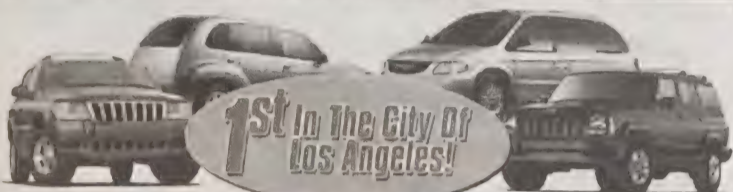
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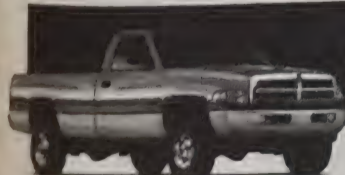
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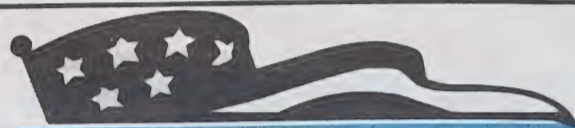
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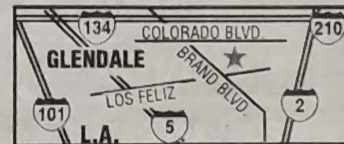
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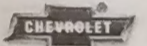
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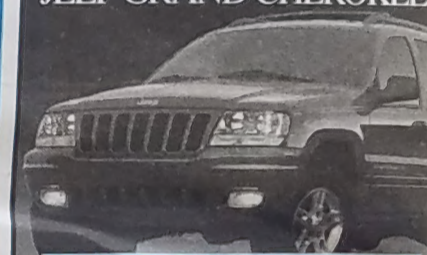
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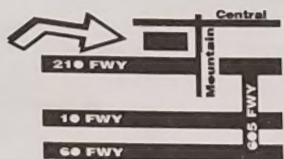
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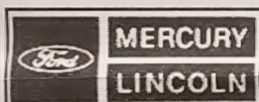
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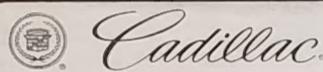


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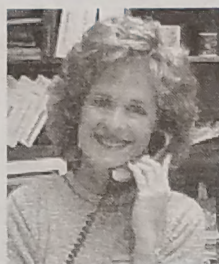
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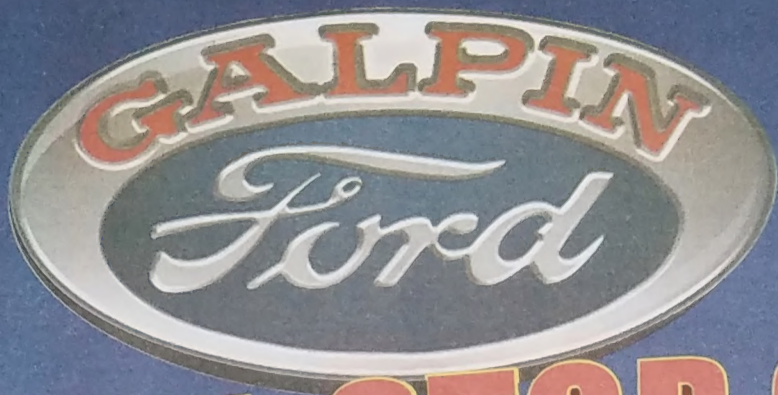


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